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OF THE

# GRAND CHAPTER

OF

# ROYAL ARCH MASONS

## OF CANADA,

AT ITS

## Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation

HELD IN THE

MASONIC HALL, CITY OF LONDON,

FRIDAY, JULY 22nd, A.D. 1892, A.I. 2422, A.L. 5892.

**ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.**

*ADDRESS:*

J. E. HARDING,
STRATFORD, ONT., *Grand Z.*

THOMAS SARGANT,
TORONTO, ONT., *Grand Scribe E.*

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*The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason s of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, City of London, on Friday, the 22nd day of July, A.D. 1892, A.I. 2422.*

PRESENT:

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| M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason | Grand Z. | Grand Council |
| R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding | Grand H. | on |
| R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson | Grand J. | The Throne. |
| M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant | Grand Scribe E. | |
| R. E. Comp. George I. Bennett | Grand Scribe N. | |
| R. E. Comp. A. Shaw | Grand Principal Soj. | |
| R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray | Grand Treasurer. | |
| R. E. Comp. C. A. Humber | Grand Registrar. | |
| V. E. Comp. Rev. George Chrystal | as Grand 1st Asst. Soj. | |
| V. E. Comp. Rev. W. T. Wilkins | Grand 2nd Asst. Soj. | |
| R. E. Comp. J. G. Rosseau | Grand Sword Bearer. | |
| R. E. Comp. A. Carrothers | Grand Master of Veils. | |
| R. E. Comp. Robert M. Stuart | Grand Standard Bearer. | |
| V. E. Comp. Wm. Walker | Grand Director of Ceremonies. | |
| V. E. Comp. Wm. Watson | Grand Organist. | |
| V. E. Comp. John Moodie | Grand Pursuivant. | |
| V. E. Comp. Joseph Hickson | Grand Steward. | |
| V. E. Comp. R. D. Hall | Grand Steward. | |
| V. E. Comp. J. D. Christie | Grand Steward. | |
| V. E. Comp. D. Bole | Grand Steward. | |
| Comp. F. J. Hood | Grand Janitor. | |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| R. E. Comp. George Gott | St. Clair | District No. 1. |
| R. E. Comp. C. Mole | London | District No. 2. |
| R. E. Comp. M. Walsh | Wilson | District No. 3. |
| R. E. Comp. Thomas Irwin | Hamilton | District No. 5. |
| R. E. Comp. I. Baker | Huron | District No. 6. |
| R. E. Comp. George Clark | Toronto | District No. 8. |
| R. E. Comp. P. J. Lightbourne | Ontario | District No. 9. |
| R. E. Comp. R. T. Walkem | Central | District No. 11. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms | Alabama. |
| M. E. Comp. H. Robertson | District of Columbia. |
| R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett | Iowa. |
| R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding | Massachusets. |
| R. E. Comp. D. F. Macwatt | Missouri. |
| M. E. Comp. D. Spry | New Jersey. |
| M. E. Comp. H. Robertson | Mississippi. |
| M. E. Comp. H. Robertson | New York. |
| M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant | Kentucky. |
| M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason | Nevada |
| R. E. Comp. James Wilson | North Carolina. |
| R. E. Comp. W. G. Bell | North Dakota. |
| R. E. Comp. Thomas C. Macnabb | Delaware. |
| M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford | Georgia. |
| R. E. Comp. William Forbes | Illinois. |
| R. E. Comp. John M. Gibson | Kansas. |
| R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson | Nebraska. |
| R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar | New Hampshire. |
| M. E. Comp. D. Spry | Quebec. |
| R. E. Comp. A. E. Cooper | South Dakota. |
| R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson | Tenessee. |
| R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon | Vermont. |
| R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray | Washington. |
| R. E. Comp. David Taylor | West Virginia. |
| R. E. Comp. Gaven Stewart | Wisconsin. |

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at 10.45 a.m.

R. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 103 warranted Chapters and 2 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 77 were represented by the following Companions:—

*No. 1.* *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.*
E. Comp John Kinghorn, P. Z; R. Ex. Comp. R. T. Walkem, A. Shaw and H. I. Wilkinson, P.Z.'s.

*No. 2.* *The Hiram, Hamilton.*
E. Comp. Alex. Smith, Z.; Thomas M. Daly, H.; R. E. Comp. Thomas Irwin, Gavin Stewart and F. F. Dalley, P.Z.'s.

*No. 3.* *St. John's, London.*
E. Comp. J. Simpson, Z.; F. Comp. A. Carrothers, R. Ex. Comps. John G. Dewar and A. E. Cooper, P.Z.'s.

*No. 5.* *St. George's, London.*
Ex. Comp. P. W. D. Broderick, Z.; L. W. Burke, H.; C. E. H. Fisher, J.; R. Ex. Comp. E. Burke, A. G. Smyth, A. B. Munson, J. Waterman, Comp. A. O. Jeffrey, P.Z.'s.; Comp. H. Waterman, P.H.

*No. 6.* *St. John's, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comp. R. A. Hutcheson, Z.; Thos. McCallum, J.; R. Ex. Comps. Wm. Gibson, W. G. Reid, Hugh Murray, F. F. Dalley, Wm. Forbes; Comps. John M. Gibson, John Moodie, W. F. Miller, Albert Pain, M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, P. Z.'s.

*No. 7.* *Moira, Belleville.*
Ex. Comp. Wm. Webster, Z.; Comp. Wm. Hamilton, P.H.

*No. 8.* *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
M. Ex. Comps. T. Sargant, Kivas Tully, R. Ex. Comps. E. T. Malone, George Clark, J. B. Nixon and J. Ross Robertson, P Z's.

*No. 15.* *Wawanosh.*
E. Comp. R. S. Oliver, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Mole, P.Z.

*No. 16.* *Carlton.*
Ex. Comp. J. H. Salmon, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. D. Taylor, P.Z.

*No. 18.* *Oxford.*
Ex. Comp. A. R. MacDonald, Z.; James Sutherland, P.Z.

*No. 19.* *Mount Moriah.*
Ex. Comp. J D. Christie, P.Z.

*No. 20.* *Mount Horeb.*
Comp. S. F. Passmore, H.

*No. 22.* *Grenville.*
Comp. I. F. Graham, H.; S. B. Fell, J.

*No. 23.* *Ezra.*
Comp. Thos. H. Furlong, J.; J. D. Christie, P.Z.

*No. 24.* *Tecumseh.*
E. Comp F. W. Gearing, Z; R Ex. Comps. J. Baker, C. T. Campbell, P.Z.'s; R. Ex. Comp. John E. Harding P Z.; Comp. Rev. Geo. Chrystal, P.H.

*No. 26.* *St. Marks.*
V. E. Comp. W. T Wilkins, P Z.

*No. 27.* *Manitou.*
R. Ex. Comp. John Nettleton, Z; M. Ex. Comp H. Robertson, P.Z.

*No. 29.* *McCallum.*
E. Comp. L. A Congdon, P.Z.

*No. 30.* *Huron*
R. Ex. Comp. Judge T. F. Toms Z.; Comp. C. A. Humber, P.Z.

*No. 34.* *Signet.*
M. Ex. Comp. D. Spry; R. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt; V. Ex. Comp. R. E. Fletcher and Comp. S. J. Sanford P.Z's.

*No. 36.* *Corinthian.*
R. Ex. Comp. B. Shortly, V. Ex. Comp. R. A. Morrow, P.Z's.

*No. 37.* *Victoria.*
Comp. W. J. Robertson, P.Z.

*No. 38.* *Seymour.*
Ex. Comp. H. S. Broughton, P.Z.

*No. 40.* *Guelph.*
Ex. Comp. Wm. Watson, Z., R. Ex. Comp. John Scoon, Comp. R. Mahoney and Hugh Walker, P.Z's.

*No. 41.* *Harris.*
R. Ex. Comp. M. Walsh, P.Z.

*No. 44.* *Mount Sinai.*
Ex. Comp. R. H. Longmore, Jas. Aylesworth and S. C. Warner, P.Z's.

*No. 47.* *Wellington.*
R. Ex. Comp. Thos. Macnabb, P.Z.

*No. 48.* *St Johns.*
Ex. Comp. A. R Hargraft, Z; Ex. Comp. R. J. Craig and R. Ex. Comp. P. J. Lightbourne, P.Z.

*No. 52.* *Prince Rupert.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Bell.

*No. 53* *Palestine.*
Ex. Comp. John R. Martin, Z.; J. Wallis and N. W. Ford, P.Z.'s.

*No. 55.* *Niagara.*
Ex. Comp. J. G. Rosseau, P.Z.

*No. 59.* *Sussex.*
Ex. Comp. J. Quigg, H.; and Wm. King, P.Z.

*No. 60.* *Doric.*
Ex. Comp. P. T. Lee, Z.; and T. H. Brunton, P.Z.

*No. 61.* *Granite.*
R. Ex. Comp D. Taylor, Proxy.

*No. 62.* *York.*
E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, P.Z.; M. E. Comp. T. Sargant, P.Z.; M. E. Comp. D. Spry, P.Z.

*No. 63.* *Havelock.*
E Comp. R. D. Hall, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. D. H. Martyn, P.Z.

*No. 65.* *St. Paul's.*
E. Comp. B. Allan, and F. Manly, P.Z's.

*No. 69.* *Grimsby.*
E. Comp. W. Gibson, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Forbes, P.Z.

*No. 71.* *Prince of Wales.*
R. Ex. Comp. George Gott, P.Z.

*No. 73.* *Erie.*
Ex. Comp. George Middleditch, Z.

*No. 75.* *St. Clair.*
R. E. Comp. J. A. Fraser, Z.; E. Comp. W. Gibson and Wm. Ponton, P.Z.'s.

*No. 76.* *Mount Nebo.*
Comp. Charles J. McKenzie, J.

*No 77.* *Occident.*
E Comp. Robt. Charlton, Z.; V. E. Comp. W. Walker, Joseph Hickson and M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, P.Z.'s.

*No. 79.* *Orient.*
E. Comp. Ira Bates, P.Z.; M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant and D. Spry, P. Z.

*No. 81.* *Aylmer.*
R. E. Comp. A. E. Cooper, Proxy.

*No. 83.* *Ionic.*
R. Ex. Comp. James Wilson, P.Z.; M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant, P.Z.

*No. 84.* *Lebanon.*
E. Comp. J. A. Morton, P.Z.

*No. 86.* *Macpherson.*
Comp. John H. Dickson, P.Z.

*No. 88.* *Macnabb.*
V. E. Comp. R. M. Stuart.

*No. 91.* *Antiquity.*
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett and W. Walker, P.Z.

*No. 92.* *Spry.*
Comp. W. Wright, J.

*No. 95.* *Tuscan.*
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, P.Z.; M. E. Comp. T. Sargant, P.Z.

*No. 99.* *Keystone.*
R. E. Comp. W. G. Bell, P.Z.

*No. 100.* *St. Lawrence.*
Comp. N. B. Colcrock, J.; Comp. Jas. Reynolds and P. W. D. Broderick, P.Z.'s.

*No. 101.* *Corinthian.*
Comp. Fred. D. Peters, J.; and J. S. McKay, P.Z.

*No. 102.* *Algonquin.*
V. E. Comp. D. Bole, P.Z.

*No. 103.* *St. John's.*
Comp. W. H. Burgess, P.Z.

*U. D.* *White Oak.*
Comp. W. E. Brown, J.

*U. D.* *Signet.*
R. E. Comp. W. G. Bell, P.Z.

27. Chapters are not represented.
Number of votes entitled to be cast, 268.
All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. G. REID, *Chairman*
J. D. CHRISTIE,
A. G. SMYTH,
} *Committee.*

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. G. Smyth, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, during the Session of the Grand Chapter, as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in the city of Toronto on the 24th day of July, A.D. 1891, A.I. 2421, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved**, That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 24th day of July, 1891, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. Grand Z. then read the following :—

## ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Canada, Greeting :*

COMPANIONS,—In giving you glad welcome to our Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation, I feel compelled at the very outset of my address to say that our joy in meeting must be overshadowed by the great sorrow which pervades our hearts on account of the unusual bereavement that we have suffered during the past year.

Never in the history of the Grand Chapter has death been so busy amongst our members. R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E.; R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, and M. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, Past Grand Z, have all been taken away from us, and the places that knew them once shall know them no more.

The proper committee will no doubt make fitting reference to the deaths of our beloved Companions, but I desire to express my personal sorrow in having to part with them. Ever since I first saw light in Masonry, they have been my constant friends and companions, and I can hardly realize as yet that their kind, familiar faces will be no more seen amongst us. All were prominent and useful members of our Order, all had strong individual characteristics, all veterans in Masonry, and all endeared to us by many loving ties.

### APPOINTMENTS.

On the 1st of March last, I appointed R. E. Comp, Hugh Murray, Acting Grand Treasurer, in place of the late R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell. And on the 2nd April last I appointed M. E. Comp. T. Sargant, Acting Grand Scribe E., in place of the late R. E. Comp. David McLellan.

Both of these officers have discharged their duties most satisfactorily.

### VISITS.

During the past year I had the pleasure of visiting Chapters at Toronto, Belleville, Ottawa, Hamilton and Barrie, and in every instance

had an opportunity of witnessing an excellent exemplification of the work, and was received and welcomed in the most courteous and fraternal manner.

I had intended to make some further visits, but unfortunately was unable to do so.

DISPENSATIONS.

Excluding dispensations of the ordinary nature, which, however, were comparatively few, I issued two for the formation of a new Chapter at Oakville, Ontario, and of a second Chapter at Winnipeg. Before granting these dispensations, I made careful enquiry as to the necessity for them, and although in some parts of the jurisdiction my inclination would be to withdraw warrants rather than increase them, yet I feel convinced that the interests of Capitular Masonry would be materially advanced by the establishment of the Chapters above mentioned, and this conviction has been amply verified by the marked success which has characterized their proceedings since their inauguration. Both Chapters will, I think, occupy a prominent place on our roll.

Recently I received a petition signed by a number of Companions, all members of the City of Melbourne, Chapter No, 97, asking for a dispensation to open a new Chapter in that city. I have not taken any action in the matter, and have handed the papers connected with the petition to the Executive Committee. I regret I cannot see my way clear to recommend, at present, the formation of this Chapter, though it is possible that later on sufficient reasons may be advanced for it.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF VICTORIA.

The following circular letter from the Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, has been received, and is submitted for your consideration :—

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF VICTORIA.

FREEMASONS' HALL, 25 COLLINS ST.,
MELBOURNE, 6th April, 1892.

*To the M. E. Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Canada.*

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION,—On the 21st March, 1889, immediately after the inauguration of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, a Supreme Grand Chapter in connection with the latter was duly formed. The Grand Principals were elected and installed by the M.E. Comp. Chief Justice Way, 1st Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of South Australia.

M.E. Comp. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Grand Master, as Z.
M.E. Comp. Geo. Baker, Deputy Grand Master, as H.
M.E. Comp. John James, P.D.G. Master, as J.
The Grand Officers were also elected and invested.

There are fourteen Chapters working in connection with this Grand Chapter, and also two, I believe, holding charters from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

This Grand Chapter would ask for the fraternal recognition by, and the establishment of friendly relations with, the Grand Chapter of Canada

I remain, M.E. Sir and Companion,
Yours fraternally,
T. H. LEMPRIERE,
*G. Scribe E.*

Recent reports from the Australian district indicate that Australian Kilwinning Chapter, No. 96, and City of Melbourne Chapter, No. 97, are in excellent condition, are working harmoniously, and have the brightest prospects for the future; but Melbourne Chapter, No. 93, appears to have affiliated with the Grand Chapter of Victoria, though no official intimation of the fact reached me, neither has its warrant been returned.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have had pleasure in recommending the following appointments:—M.E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, of London, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, in place of the late R. E. Comp. David McLellan; R.E. Comp, John Creasor, of Owen Sound, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, in place of the late R.E. Comp. E. Mitchell; R.E. Comp. David Taylor, of Ottawa, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, in place of the late M.E. Comp. S. B. Harman; R.E. Comp. A. E. Cooper, of London, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

I also had pleasure in recommending the re-appointment of R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon as representative of the Grand Chapter of Vermont; R.E. Comp. W. G. Bell as representative of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota; R.E. Comp. R. L. Patterson as representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland; R.E. Comp. J. M. Gibson as representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas; and R.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

On the recommendation of the Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapters named, I have appointed R.E. Comp. Robert T. Sedam as our representative near the Grand Chapter of South Dakota; R.E. Comp. John Rennie as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory; R.E. Comp. D. K. McPherson as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Washington; and R.E. Comp. Stephen W. Poe as our representative near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and have re-appointed M.E. Comp. Jacob DeWitt as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

FINANCES.

Last year it gave me pleasure to report that our financial position was improving, and I am glad to say that still further progress has been made.

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| The receipts for the year were | $2,943 63 |
| And the disbursements were | 1,492 25 |
| The gain for the year being | $1,451 38 |
| We have now in debentures | $17,000 00 |
| And in Bank of Commerce | 2,413 90 |
| Total | $19,413 90 |

BY-LAWS OF CHAPTERS.

During the past two years I have examined, revised and approved of the By-Laws of a number of Chapters, and amendments thereto, and noticed the great dissimilarity that existed between them. Some were too brief, some altogether too profuse, and some contained provisions quite inconsistent with the Constitution. It would, I think, be of great advantage to the Chapters, if a model code were prepared, based somewhat on the lines of the code prepared by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, some years ago for Grand Lodge. By-Laws should be perfectly clear,

simple and distinct, and should not include general matters that are provided for in the Constitution. I have endeavored to simplify as much as possible those that have come under my notice, without attempting in any way to limit, or interfere with, the wishes of the Chapters, except in so far as they were in conflict with the Constitution.

### CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

I have read the reports of the District Superintendents, and, although in some quarters the outlook is not encouraging, yet, on the whole, I think substantial progress has been made. The committee on this subject will no doubt go fully into the matter, and I only desire to make a few observations of a general character. Whether it is that other organizations which have sprung up and spread so rapidly during the past few years, have drawn away our material, or whether it is that other branches of Masonry have had greater attractive power, or whether it is that our ceremonies are hampered by restrictions that in some instances, at least, appear excessive, or whether all these causes, and perhaps others, are combined, I hardly venture to say ; but, certain it is, that in the rural districts especially, the Chapters find it difficult to maintain a satisfactory standard. It has been suggested that the number of Companions required to be present in order to open a Chapter might be reduced, that Chapters might have a wider range in the selection of their principal officers, and last, though by no means least, that the ritual in all the degrees might, with great advantage, be materially reduced and improved. My own experience leads me to believe that these suggestions are well worthy of your studious consideration, the result of which will, I trust, be of the utmost benefit to the Royal Craft.

### AMALGAMATION OF CHAPTERS.

The reports of the District Superintendents from time to time, have contained recommendations for the amalgamation of certain Chapters, and this year their recommendations are again renewed. I am quite convinced that the course recommended would, in the respective localities, very greatly advance the interests of our Order.

### CONCLUSION.

The time has come for me, Companions, to return to you the Sceptre, entrusted to me two years ago. Many changes have taken place since that time ; many events, both happy and sorrowful, have occurred. Other duties have to a certain extent interfered with my desire to be of greater service to you, and my inability to gratify my desire has been all the more unfortunate on account of the illness and death of my old friend and brother, the late Grand Scribe E. You have been kind enough, however, to overlook any failings on my part, and to have met me with open hands and warm hearts in my journeyings throughout the jurisdiction. Loving friendships that were formed in years long gone by in the Blue, have been more strongly cemented in the Red, and I shall never forget the kindness that I have received during my term of office.

May the blessing of the Most High rest on this Convocation, may our labors meet with His approbation, and may the spirit of peace, love and harmony, animate our hearts and guide our deliberations.

J. J. MASON,
*Grand Z.*

London, 22nd July, A.D. 1892.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved**—That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented :—

## ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Canada :*

I have the honor to submit the following brief report upon the state of Capitular Masonry in the St. Clair District, No. 1.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham, is in really good condition, and well officered. R.Ex. Comp. McNabb, the Z., in himself being a sufficient guarantee for the good government and well-being of the Chapter. Meetings have been regularly held and very well attended, and all is in peace and harmony. This Chapter was represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. T. C. McNabb.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg, is working harmoniously, having held several meetings during the year. They have removed into a new and suitable room in the Masonic Hall. The assets are in furniture, regalia, etc. (but I am sorry to say are not insured), amounting to about five hundred dollars. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by myself.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetowu.—From this Chapter I received several summonses to attend meetings, but owing to ill-health during the winter and spring months, and later through pressure of business, I am sorry to say it was impossible for me to attend. I am satisfied from all accounts I have received of this Chapter that it is in a very encouraging and healthy state, well officered, and I expect is in a fair way to go on and prosper.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, and Macnabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, are in fair condition and working in harmony.

I received no notice of meetings from Ark Chapter, but know from the ability of the officers and members that all is well.

Macnabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, was represented at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter by V.Ex. Comp. R.M. Stuart.

The condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District during the past year is on the whole fair, and the outlook brightening. From all appearances the coming year's prospects of all the Chapters are good, and peace and harmony prevail all over the district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

George Gott,
*Grand Supt. St. Clair District.*

Amherstburg, July 4th, 1892.

## LONDON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to herewith submit my annual report as Grand Superintendent of the above District.

Without wishing to do any injustice to those Chapters which are holding regular Communications, I must certainly confess that the

condition of Capitular Masonry as a whole in this District is far from being satisfactory. Out of the eight Chapters, there are only five that are keeping up with the procession in holding regular meetings, and the attendance at these is not at all what it should be, when the number of members attached to each Chapter is considered. I think most of them have forgotten what is due from them in regard to this matter. I have visited five out of the eight, and requested the officers of Bruce No. 53, Petrolia, Beaver No. 74, Strathroy, and Minnewawa No. 78, Parkhill, to try and get sufficient members together and I would visit them, but received the answer it was impossible to induce the Companions so to do. I would certainly recommend Grand Chapter take some decided action in regard to these Chapters. It is also my opinion that it would greatly conduce to the benefit of Capitular Masonry if more care was taken in granting charters, for if we had fewer and stronger Chapters there would be better attendance and more effective work.

St. John's, No. 3, London. I visited this Chapter on the 25th of May and received a most cordial welcome, with an average attendance of members besides quite a number of visiting Companions. I had the pleasure of seeing the Past Master's degree conferred in a very creditable manner by R. Ex. Comp. John Simpson, the First Principal, assisted by the regular officers. Number of members on roll, 77; average attendance, 18. Degrees during the year: M.M.M., 8; P.M., 11; M.E.M., 10; R.A., 9. Regular meetings held, 12; emergent, 4. The funds are deposited in a bank in the name of H. and Treasurer. Number of members in arrears over one year, 27; over two years, 14; over three years, 1. Assets, $500; liabilities none; value of furniture, $400, insured. The hall is not at all suitable, being too small for working the degrees. The Chapter represented at last Grand Chapter by the First Principal. Prospects bright.

Aylmer, No. 81, Aylmer. I visited this Chapter on the 11th of March, and must say it is one of the most lively Chapters in the District. It has a membership of fifty, with an average attendance of sixteen, without visitors. On this visit the work of two exaltations was exceedingly well done and in a very creditable manner by Ex. Comp. John Richardson, First Principal, assisted by the officers of the Chapter. Degrees conferred: 5 M.M.M.; 3 P.M.; 3 M.E.M., and 4 R.A. Ten regular and two emergent meetings have been held. The funds are deposited in the bank in the name of the Treasurer. Companions in arrears over one year, 1; over two years, 2; over three years, 3; over four years, none; over five years, 2. Assets, $90; liabilities none; value of furniture—insured. Not represented at last Grand Chapter. Every officer has his work well up, and all have the good of their Chapter at heart. The future prospects are very bright.

Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas. This Chapter meets on the second Thursday. I visited it on the 12th November, 1891. Number of members on roll, 87; average attendance, 12. The funds are deposited in a bank in the name of the Chapter. Number of Companions in arrears over one year, 21; over two years, 10; over three years, 6; over four years, 5. Assets, $78.50; liabilities none. Furniture insured. The Chapter was represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter direct. There was no work on hand except the election of officers, but from enquiries made believe the prospects of this Chapter to be very good.

Wawanosh, No. 15, Sarnia. I officially visited this Chapter May 10th. No work on hand except the election of officers. As I have had the honor of holding the position of First Principal for the past two years, I can both personally and officially vouch for the condition of the Chapter. It has done remarkably good work and shown great progress during this year. The material added is of the very best, two of the applicants being Past Masters of Blue Lodges and active workers, and have already been installed into office. The outlook for this Chapter is very favorable. Meetings held, 9 regular and 2 emergent. Number of members on roll, 43; average attendance, 12; five candidates exalted. Funds deposited in a bank in the name of the Treasurer. Assets, $150; liabilities none.

Bruce, No. 53, Petrolia, meets first Thursday. Did not visit this Chapter for reasons mentioned in former part of my report. Number of members on roll, 36; average attendance, 10. Meetings held, 6 regular and 2 emergent. Funds deposited in a bank in the Treasurer's name. Dues, $3 per year. Number in arrears for one year, 28; two years, 12; three years, 4. The Chapter was not represented at last Convocation of Grand Chapter. The Scribe E. states that little interest is taken in Capitular Masonry, and they find it uphill work to get meetings, but trust they will be able to survive.

Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill. After repeated trials I succeeded in getting an answer to my letters. Comp. Beggs, Scribe E., states that the cause of their weakness is owing to Companions living at a distance and not attending, and they have not sufficient members in the town to form a quorum, but if the Grand Chapter would remit their dues they would start afresh and think they could succeed. But I certainly cannot see what difference that would make to the success of the Chapter. No report having been forwarded to Grand Chapter, it is impossible to form any idea in what position they are in.

Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy. In conversation with R. Ex. Comp. Noble, I find this Chapter is in no better position than that of No. 78 at Parkhill, no returns having been forwarded to Grand Chapter for some years.

St. George, No. 5, London. I visited this Chapter on the 19th of April, when the M.M.M degree was very ably conferred by E. Comp. Broderick. Not having received any report from this Chapter, I cannot give any further information regarding it.

I sincerely thank the officers and Companions of the London District for their kindness and courtesy extended to me on the occasion of my visits.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Charles Mole,
*Grand Supt. London District.*

## WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Herewith I send my report for Wilson District up to 31st of May last. As stated last year, I am again able to say that the four Chapters in my District are all in good working order and with good prospects before them, so that I will be able to hand over to my successor next July a live and harmonious District.

On the 6th of July last I visited Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 20, at Brantford, and installed the new officers. I was assisted by R. Ex.

Comp. Ashton, who acted as presenting Z. M.Ex. Comp. Hungerford was also present and assisted in the ceremony. There was no work after installation, and M.Ex. Comp. Hungerford, myself and other visiting Comps. were pleasantly entertained by the Chapter afterwards. This Chapter meets on the first Wednesday in each month. Since his installation, the Ex. Z., C. V. Howell, has removed to Chicago, Ill., and R.Ex. Comp. Ashton has been acting as Z. since. The Chapter has a membership of 52. The average attendance without visitors is about 15. There was no work on the occasion of my visit except the installation. The following work was done from June 1st, 1891, to May 31st, 1892: M.M.M., 3; P.M., 3; M.E.M., 3; R.A., 3. Ex. Comp. Howell conferred no degree since his installation. Ex. Comp. H. has conferred each of the degrees allotted to him on two candidates and the J. the same. There were eleven convocations held during the year: regular, 9, emergent, 2. I found the S.E.'s books in good condition and properly kept. I also found the treasurer's books in good condition. The cash received by the S.E. is promptly paid over to the treasurer. The funds, I am informed, are deposited in one of the banks by the treasurer in his official name. The dues are $3.00 per year. Number of Comps. in arrears over 1 year, 11; over 2 years, 3; over 3 years, 3; over 4 years, 2; over 5 years, 1. The longest period any Comp. is in arrears is 12 years. The S.E. has omitted the assets for this year. They were $800 last year. There are no liabilities. The value of the furniture, etc., is about the same as last year, $800, and was then insured for $600. The S.E. has omitted to state whether it is insured this year; most likely it is. The books and all documents are kept in the safe. The hall is suitable, but the Chapter contemplates moving into a new and better hall shortly. This Chapter was represented by R.Ex. Comp. Ashton and Comp. Howell at last Grand Chapter. The future prosperity of the Chapter seems assured.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—On the 18th of January last I visited this Chapter and installed the officers. V.Ex. Comp. Jas. Sutherland, M.P., assisting as presenting Z. R.Ex. Comp. Beard, Past Grand J., was also present. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Woolson, Z. of Harris Chapter, Ingersoll, and Comps. Boles, Vance, Partlo, and Wright of the same Chapter. After the installation, the newly elected officers conferred the Mark Degree, in which all, especcially the Principals, showed efficiency. About 25 Comps. were present. After the Chapter was closed the visiting Comps. were suitably entertained. The Chapter meets on the third Monday of every month. The number of members on the roll is 33. Average attendance without visitors is 15. The work done from the 1st of June, 1891, to May 31st last was as follows: M.M.M., 3; P.M., 3; M.E.M., 2; R.A., 2. These degrees were conferred by Ex. Comps. Rumsey, Past Z., and Macdonald, Z. The present Z. has worked the degrees of M.M.M. and P.M. The H. and J. have assisted in these degrees, taking their respective parts. There were five regular convocations held; no emergent. The condition of the S.E.'s books is good, and the treasurer's is the same. The cash received by S.E. is promptly paid over to the treasurer. The funds are deposited in one of the banks in the name of the treasurer. The dues are $2 per year. The number of Comps. in arrear over 1 year is 6; over 2 is 4; over 3 is 3. The longest period any Comp. is in arrears is three and a-half years. The assets are $200; no liabilities. The value of the furniture is $400, and is insured for $250. The inventory is kept outside the Chapter. The hall is very

suitable. The Chapter was not represented at last Grand Chapter. The prospects are bright.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—On the 14th of April last I visited this Chapter, and was accompanied by Comp. Partlo, of Ingersoll. On my arrival I found that one of the Principals was ill, and the other absent from town. Unfortunately, also, the indefatigable R.Ex. Comp. Christie was also unable to attend on account of the illness of his wife. There were three brothers in waiting for the R.A. Degree. I acted as Z., Ex. Comp. Kelley as H., and the 3rd Principal as J., and the degree was accordingly conferred on the candidates. The officers did their work fairly well, considering it was their first attempt in this degree. I must, however, commend the Principal Sojourner, who was especially good. This Chapter meets on the Thursday after the full moon in each month. The number of members on the roll is 36. The average attendance without visitors is 18. The work done between the 1st of June, 1891, and 31st May, 1892, was as follows: M.M.M , 6 ; P.M., 6 ; M.E.M., 6 ; R.A., 6. Of these the Z. conferred the M.M.M. and P.M. ; H. conferred none ; J. worked part of M.M.M. ; R. Ex. Comp, Christie conferred all the rest except those above named. There were 11 regular convocations, and 1 emergent. The condition of the S.E.'s books is very good. The treasurer's books are well kept. The cash received by the S.E. is promptly paid over to the treasurer. The funds are deposited in one of the banks in the name of the treasurer. The number of Comps. in arrears over 1 year are 4 ; over 2, 1. The assets are, cash, $120 ; furnitüre, $500 ; liabilities, $25. The value of the furniture is $500, insured for $300. The inventory is kept outside the Chapter room. The hall is suitable. This Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter directly. The prospects are excellent.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—This is my own Chapter, and so I visited it pretty regularly. It meets on the second Friday of each month. The number of members on the roll is 38, and the average attendance without visitors is 12. On the 9th of October I acted as Z. in conferring the R.A. Degree. The work done during the past year ending 31st of May last, was 1 in each degree. The Z. has worked in all the degrees up to 31st of May last, and has been assisted by H. and J. There were 7 regular convocations during the year ; no emergent. The condition of S.E.'s books is good, and the treasurer's the same. The cash received by the S.E. is promptly paid over to the treasurer. The dues are $2.00 per year. The number of Comps. in arrears over 1 year is 22, over 2 is 14, over 3 is 6. There are none in arrears over 3 years. The assets are dues and cash on hand—$147. Furniture, $300. The hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented by its Z. at last Grand Chapter. The prospects of this Chapter are good.

Pretty much all the desirable material here who were able to afford it have been exalted, so that little was left to be done last year in the way of new candidates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. Walsh,
*Grand Supt. Wilson District.*

Ingersoll, 29th of June, 1892.

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Roy l Arch Masons of Canada :*

I have the honor to submit my annual report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District. I am sorry to say that my

report for the past year is not as good as I would like it to be. I have had the time at my disposal, and have been willing and anxious to do all I could to advance the Order in this District, but in the case of Elora Chapter, Elora, and Waterloo Chapter, Galt, I am compelled to say my efforts have been so far useless. On Good Friday, April 15th, I again called a Chapter of instruction in Guelph both for afternoon and evening, Guelph Chapter also sending special invitations to each Chapter in the District to be their guests. I am sorry to say it was not a success, as far as the visiting Comps. went, only two being present, one from Waterloo, Galt, R. Ex. Comp. Taylor, and one from Enterprise, Harriston, Comp. Dowling. The meeting itself was a grand success. There was a large turnout of local Companions both afternoon and evening. In the afternoon, 3 candidates received the M.M.M. degree; Ex. Comp. Mahoney Z. Guelph Chapter, taking 1 candidate, P.Z. Gemmell, 1, and myself the third. At the evening meeting, two candidates received the R.A. degree, and I must say I have seldom seen the work done as well, or more impressively given, Ex. Comp. Mahoney doing the work, and R. Ex. Comp. Taylor, of Waterloo, Galt, acting as P.S., which part he gave in a very efficient manner, and I fail to see why Waterloo Chapter, with Comp. Taylor at the head, should not be one of the best in the District. After work, an adjournment was made to the refreshment rooms, when a pleasant hour was spent, the only drawback being the few visitors present.

On Thursday, June 2nd, I made an official visit to Ionic Chapter, Orangeville, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Mahoney, Z; Ex. Comp. Gemmell, P.Z.; Comp. Haugh, P.S., and Comp. McDonald, all of Guelph Chapter, when we gave three candidates the P.M., M.E.M. and R.A. Degrees, after which we adjourned from labor to refreshments, and the Comps. of Ionic Chapter know how to entertain their friends. We had a most enjoyable visit and a very pleasant evening.

Elora, No. 49, Elora.—I cannot get the Companions here to do anything; I have had no notice of any meeting this year, and I don't think they have held any. I have spoken to individual members frequently. I have offered to go up and try to get the members together, or attend a meeting at any time if they would call one, but so far have been unable to do anything, and must only leave it, and trust my successor will be able to do more than I have, as there should be a good Chapter between Elora, Fergus, and surrounding country.

Waterloo, No. 32, Galt.—I can make no report of this Chapter, as I have received no notice of their having held any meeting during the year, and although I have written the Scribe E. for information, I have had no reply. In conversation with R. Ex. Comp. Taylor when here, he said that they had two applications ready, and they intended to get together and hold a meeting very soon, and go on with the work, but I have not as yet heard of their having done anything, but I hope they will soon, for with such leaders as R. Ex. Comps. Taylor, Cowan, Shupe and others, they should not let Waterloo go down.

Enterprise, No. 67, Harriston.—I cannot give as good an account of this Chapter as I would like to. The Scribe E. has not sent me any notices of meeting, and has not answered my enquiry for information, but in conversation with Comp. Dowling, I was given to understand they had held some meetings and done some work, which I was glad to hear, as they are good, enthusiastic Masons, and anxious to keep the Chapter going, but they have been at a disadvantage this year, owing to Comp. Irving having left the place, and I believe they were unable

to get the use of their hall for some time from this cause, but I think they have things in shape again now, and I expect they will soon be in a position to make some good reports. Myself, with others of Guelph Chapter, have promised to go up as soon as they are ready for us, and give them what assistance and encouragement we can.

Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville.—Here we have an example of what good, enthusiastic Masons can do, when they love their work and pull together, and more particularly when they have a good Scribe E., which Ionic must undoubtedly have, as it would be hard to find books kept better; the plain, clear writing, the minutes carefully and minutely entered (too many Scribes are careless in entering the minutes in detail, they imagine a general summary is sufficient, but it is not, and should not be tolerated), returns made properly and promptly to Grand Chapters, the notice of meetings sent regularly, and the work to do stated on notices, as it should be, proves how much a good scribe can do to assist the Chapter, and although Orangeville is not a very large place, they have one of the best Chapters in the district. They hold their meetings regularly, and never forget to send the Grand Superintendent notice, and when I see, as I did on the notice for April, five to ballot for on our summons, it will make the older Chapters look out for their laurels. I had the pleasure of visiting Ionic in June, and I was very much pleased with my visit; indeed there were four candidates in waiting for the different degrees. Work was done in three degrees, but with some outside assistance. However, perfect harmony prevails in the Chapter; the officers are all good men, and I think determined to get their work up, and will then be in a position to take their place with any Chapter on the roll.

Guelph, No. 40, Guelph.—Last, but not least. Guelph Chapter is, and should be from its advantages, the best Chapter in the District, and this year it has excelled itself. Under the good guidance of Ex. Comp. Mahoney, Z, and the able assistance of his officers, Guelph Chapter has made a shewing this year that reflects credit on all interested. They have held all the regular and several emergency meetings during the year. I think I have been present at almost every one of them. There have been eleven (11) candidates balloted for and accepted, nine (9) have had the M. M. M. Degree, eight (8) the P. M., six (6) the M. E. M., and four (4) the Royal Arch, and I think all good material. The average attendance is better than it was. The books are admirably kept, notices sent out promptly, returns made correctly and on time. The members are unanimous and enthusiastic for the good of this Chapter and the Order generally. Too much praise cannot be given to the Ex. First Principal for his indefatigable zeal in getting up his own work, and also assisting his subordinate officers with their's, all of which has tended to make the year the success it has been. On April 15th, Good Friday, Guelph Chapter exemplified the M. M. M. and R. A. Degrees for the benefit and instruction of visiting Comps. who were present, and I must say I don't think I ever saw the work, especially the R. A. Degree, given more impressively, or more correctly, than by Ex. Comp. Mahoney on that occasion, and which, I take to be one of the causes for the larger membership and better attendance. The election of officers was held on June 10th, and the pleasant and unanimous feeling displayed would prove that harmony and good-will prevail in Guelph Chapter. With an increasing membership, a beautiful Chapter Room, lots of work ahead to do, good, efficient officers to do it, and brotherly love and good fellowship among the Comps., could any want a brighter

outlook. May it ever continue, is the earnest prayer of your Grand Superintendent.

In closing I would say I am afraid Elora is hopeless, but would like my successor to try again. Waterloo and Enterprise I feel sure will get to work soon and make a shewing. On the whole, Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, in my opinion, is in a sound and healthy condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. Ashworth Nelles,
*Grand Superintendent Wellington District.*

## HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district. I am pleased to be able to report that the Chapters are making progress, especially in the city of Hamilton, the two Chapters having to have emergency meetings to confer degrees and keep up the work. I received a petition from a number of Companions residing in Oakville, asking for a dispensation for a Chapter, to be called White Oak Chapter. I forwarded the petition with my recommendation to the Grand Scribe E., and the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to grant his dispensation, which was dated Sept. 18th, 1891.

I visited Oakville on the 6th October and opened White Oak Chapter, twelve Companions being present; a large number of applications were received, and I appointed Comp. W. A. Ferrah as Z., Comp. E. Dodd, H., Comp. W. E. Brown, J. I again visited Oakville on the 27th Oct., and opened White Oak Chapter, also a lodge of Mark Master, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters and R. A. R. E. Comp. W. G. Reid, V. E. Comp. Moodie, and E. Comps. Hutchison and Davis, and Comp. Geo. Mason, ably assisted me in conferring these degrees on a number of brethren. 29 Companions being present.

I again visited White Oak Chapter on May 31st, when Comp. Farrah and officers exemplified the R. A. degree in a very creditable manner, 22 Comps. being present. I cordially recommend Grand Chapter to grant a warrant to this Chapter, as I have no doubt but Comp. Ferrah and officers of the Chapter will ably perform their duties.

Hiram Chapter, No. 2.—Meets on the first Monday of the month, in the Chapter room, Masonic Hall, James-street, Hamilton. The number of members on the 27th Dec., 1891, was 175. Demits granted, 4; deaths, 2; suspended N.P.D., 2; degrees conferred: M.M.M., 15; P. M., 15; M. E. M., 15; R. A., 15; total, 60 degrees; average attendance, 25; visitors, 5½; total, 30½; cash received during the year, $659.50; cash in hand and in bank, $510.36; total assets of the Chapter, $3,713.89; furniture and regalia of Chapter fully insured. I was present at Hiram Chapter on the 5th October, when the M. E. the Grand Z. paid an official visit, and on the same evening the Chapter was also visited fraternally by St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, of Toronto. E. Comp. Smith and officers of Hiram Chapter exemplified the R. A. degree in a very creditable manner. The Companions then repaired to the banqueting room, where a few pleasant hours were spent. I have often visited this Chapter during the past year, and made my official visit on Dec. 7th, 1891, and presided at the election of officers. E. Comp. Smith was re-elected E. Z., Comp. Davis was elected H., and Comp. Magness, E. Comp. Smith has ably presided over the Chapter during the past

year, and I was glad to see the Companions appreciated his services by re-electing him for a second time. The officers exemplified the R. A. degree in their usual able manner. Hiram Chapter, as will be seen by the returns, is in a first-class financial condition, and I have no doubt that under the able management of the officers it will continue to prosper. The books of Scribe E. and Treasurer are well and neatly kept.

St. John's Chapter, No. 6.—Meets in Hamilton on the second Thursday of the month, in the Masonic Hall, James-street. The number of members May 31st, 1892, was 231; loss by death, 6; demits granted, 4; affiliated, 1; reinstated, 2; 12 regular and 6 emergent convocations were held during the year; degrees conferred: M.M.M., 16; P.M., 15; M.E.M., 15; R.A., 17; total, 63 degrees; cash in bank, $254.70; total assets, $3,456.70. I have visited this Chapter several times during the year, and made my official visit on Dec. 10th, 1891, and presided at the election of officers. E. Comp. Hutchison was elected Z.; Comp. Birrell, H.; Comp. McCallum, J.; V. E. Comp. J. Moodie and officers exemplified the R. A. degree in a very creditable manner. The chairs were then filled by Past Principals of the Chapter, some of whom had not worked the Supreme degree for twenty-five years. R. E. Comp. J. W. Murton, Z.; R. E. Comp. D. McPhie, H.; R.E. Comp. R. Brierly, J.; R.E. Comp. Ed. Mitchell, Principal Sojourner. The degree was most ably exemplified and was greatly appreciated by the eighty Companions of the Chapter present and the thirty-five visitors. The Chapter has lost by death two most distinguished members, R. E. Comp. Ed. Mitchell and R.E. Comp. D. McLellan, whose loss will be severely felt by the Chapter and R. A. Masonry generally. St. John's Chapter is in a sound financial position, and will continue to prosper. The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are well and neatly kept, and the funds are promptly paid over to the Treasurer and banked by him to the Chapter's credit. The average attendance of members is 28; visitors, 6; total, 34; furniture of Chapter room and regalia are fully insured. I attended a joint meeting of Hiram and St. John's Chapters on Jan. 14th, and installed the officers of the two Chapters, in which I was ably assisted by R.E. Comp. Galvin Stewart.

St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton.—This Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month. The number of Companions is 22; number of meetings held, 7; degrees conferred, 7; 1 loss by death. Owing to the prevalance of sickness among the Companions of St. Clair, I had to postpone my official visit to the Chapter until May 11th. This being the busy season the attendance was smaller on that account, 12 Companions being present. The R.A. degree was exemplified by the officers in a very creditable manner. I installed the same evening. I am sorry to say that the Chapter has suffered a severe loss by the death of V.E. Comp. John Lyon, who died on March 24th, 1892. He was a very able and indefatigable Past Principal of the Chapter. I believe that the present officers, with the new material they expect to receive, will give a good account of their stewardship during the coming year.

I cannot close this report without sincerely thanking the V.E. Comp. Moodie for the able manner in which he assisted me in carrying on the work connected with my office.

All of which is fraternally submitted

Thomas Irwin,
*Grand Superintendent.*
Hamilton District, No. 5.

## HURON DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Huron District.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24.—Meets in Stratford on the first Tuesday of the month I have attended all the convocations of this Chapter during the year, and on the first of September, in company with R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Grand H., visited it officially. The several convocations have been well attended, and the work done fully up to the average. There were ten regular convocations and several meetings for instruction in work, the average attendance of members being twelve. On May 31st there were thirty-nine members on the roll, being a net gain of two during the year, after pruning off the dead branches. The subordinate degrees were conferred on four candidates and the R.A. on two, by V.E. Comp. F. W. Gearing, Z. At the close of the year there were four members one year in arrears, one two years, and one three years, the dues being $1 per annum. At the present time the outstanding dues amount to $12.75 ($8 of this being with one Companion), or $30 less than a year ago. This Chapter is financially in good standing, the cash assets being about $260, with no liabilities. The collections by S.E are promptly handed to the Treasurer and retained by him. The prospects are very fair.

Huron Chapter, No. 30.—Meets at Goderich on the third Tuesday of the month. I visited this Chapter on December 23rd, the election of officers being the only business transacted. As the S.E. has failed to supply me with statistics asked for, I am not in a position to furnish any report.

St. James', No. 46, St. Mary's.—Ceased to exist in 1873. The warrant should be withdrawn.

Havelock, No. 63.—Meets at Kincardine on the third Thursday of each month. Members on the roll, 43. During the year there were twelve regular convocations, with an average attendance of twelve members. I had a very cordial invitation to visit them on March 17th, which I accepted, and was entertained with the hospitality always extended to their guests. The R.A. was very well worked on that occasion, the work done during the year being M.M.M., 2; P.M., 2; M.E.M., 2; R.A., 3; all by V.E. Comp. R. D. Hall, Z. The cash collected by the S.E. is promptly handed to the Treasurer and deposited by him to the credit of the Chapter. Cash assets, $115, and no liabilities. The arrears for dues amount to $114, there being nine Companions one year in arrears and eight four years. Effects insured for $500. Represented at last Grand Chapter by V.E. Comp. R.D Hall, Z. The prospects are encouraging.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Clinton.—Meets on Friday before full moon. Having had several conversations with the Z. and S.E. relative to the affairs of this Chapter, they concluded to take some decided action, and called a convocation for June 3rd, which I attended. After consideration It was decided the Chapter would have to return to Seaforth or surrender the warrant. The books were not in a satisfactory condition. I advised them to have a thorough audit and correct statement of affairs made, the same to be laid before their next regular Chapter, all members having been properly notified to attend. This was done. The Chapter met on July 8th and decided by a unanimous

vote of the members present, to return to Seaforth, where the Chapter will meet in future. I have to-day, July 16th, received statistics for my report; they shew 21 members on the roll; two regular convocations during the year, with an average attendance of 10 members. No work was done. Four Companions are one year in arrears, and one over seven years. Cash assets, including available arrears, $41.40; liabilities, $56.02; furniture valued at $100, insured for $50. The S.E. writes, "Our future prospects are good when removed to Seaforth, and under proper officers." He also informs me they have promise of thirteen local applications, which seems to be a guarantee of success.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 84.—Meets at Wingham on the first Wednesday of the month. Having previously failed to get any information from this Chapter, I give the Z.'s reply to my requisition for statistics. I had hoped for and expected a better showing:

Wingham, Ont., July 4th, 1892.

Dear Sir and Rt. Ex. Comp:

Our Scribe E., Comp. Meyer has been absent from home for several months and will not return till the latter part of this month, hence the delay in making returns. I will endeavor to answer the questions contained in your requisition as soon as possible, but am somewhat hampered by his absence. In the meantime I may say, generally, that we have passed but one candidate through the several Chapter degrees since June, 1891, the several degrees being conferred upon him by me as Z. We have had no other meetings, except those rendered necessary for the conferring of the degrees. We have a surplus in the bank and are financially sound, but the number of members in active communication is so small, that it is all but impossible to obtain a meeting unless there is some work to be done. Were it not that our Blue Lodge is in a flourishing condition and likely to contribute new material shortly, I would favor a surrender of our charter.

Yours fraternally,

E. L. Dickinson, Z.

Exeter Chapter, No. 85, meets at Exeter on the first Tuesday of each month. Six regular convocations were held during this year, one candidate receiving the R.A. degree. There are 21 members on the roll; the average attendance was ten. Three members were suspended for N.P.D. The funds collected by S.E. are forthwith handed to the Treasurer, and by him deposited in the names of the Trustees. There is one Companion over one year in arrears, this being the longest period. Cash assets, $116; liabilities, nil; furniture valued at $150, and insured. This Chapter was not represented in Grand Chapter last year. The future prospects are fair.

I issued a dispensation to Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, to attend church in regalia, on June 26th. The assemblage was large and representative. Of the seven Chapters in Huron District, only one promptly furnished me with information asked for to complete my report, two at a very late date, and three not at all, consequently I am able to supply only a very unsatisfactory report, at a very late date. Capitular Masonry is not flourishing generally, as it should do, in Huron District.

Tecumseh Chapter, Stratford, was never in a more healthy condition than at the present time, and its future prospects seem very bright.

Havelock Chapter, Kincardine, moves steadily on, and is in good condition, but I should like to see the amount of outstanding dues

materially reduced, as members in arrears never take so keen an interest as they otherwise would do.

Chapter No. 85, in the village of Exeter, holds its own remarkably well, and deserves credit for its conduct of business and sound financial standing. V.E. Comp. McLeod, S.E., performs his duties well.

The Malloch, No. 66, having stood upon the brink of the grave for several years, has now taken a new lease of life, and the prospects are that as soon as it accumulates sufficient local strength, which is freely offered, it will run a course of prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. Baker,
*Grand Supt. Huron District.*

## TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

The time has arrived for me to render an account of my stewardship as Superintendent of this District for the last twelve months. While on the one hand there is much cause for encouragement, there is, I must admit, also cause for discouragement. While some Chapters have been making steady and efficient progress, others have remained stationary, while some have even made a retrograde movement. This I attribute to there being too many Chapters, and also to there being so many beneficiary societies that engross attention which would probably otherwise be given to Capitular Masonry. I strongly recommend that the attention of weak Chapters should be drawn to the fact that it would be in their interests, and to the interests of sister Chapters, if amalgamations were effected. I have every reason to hope that an amalgamation will be brought about between Seymour, of Bradford, and Signet, of Barrie, and also, either an amalgamation of Spry, of Alliston, with Signet, of Barrie, or else the charter of the Spry Chapter must be removed to "fresh fields and pastures new."

On Nov. 20th, 1891, a lodge of instruction in the Mark Master Mason Degree was held in Toronto, and the work exemplified by the officers of St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapters. There was a very large attendance, and I trust that good resulted therefrom.

On Nov. 30th, 1891, a very large and enthusiastic gathering was assembled to receive the officers of the Grand Chapter, and I do not know that I can do better than give the following extract from the Toronto *Evening Telegram* of Dec. 1st:

"To receive and welcome the officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, about two hundred Companions of that exalted degree assembled last night in the spacious Blue Room of the Masonic Hall, on Toronto-street. Nearly all the brethren were in evening dress, and, decked in the handsome regalia and jewels of the Royal Craft, presented a *tout ensemble* that would have gladdened the hearts of even the Ministerial Association themselves. R.Ex. Comp. Geo. Clarke, the Grand Superintendent of the District, presided, and felicitously greeted M.E. Comp. J. J. Mason, of Hamilton, Grand Z.; R.Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, Q.C., of Stratford, Grand H.; R.E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe N., and the other Grand Officers accompanying them. R.Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone delivered an address of welcome, and the distinguished visitors replied, after which they were hospitably entertained in the banqueting room, where speech and song were enjoyed

for a couple of hours. Much regret was expressed at the absence of R.Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, the Third Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter; R.Ex. Comp. D. McLellan, Grand S.E., Mayor of Hamilton, and R.E. Comp. Ed. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, all of whom were prevented by illness from attending. The reception which was taken part in by the Chapters of the District was held under the auspices of St. Andrew's and St. John's, No. 4. It was in all its details a success, and will, no doubt, tend to impart an impetus to this exalted branch of the Craft in this vicinity. Among those present were: Kivas Tully, F. J. Menet, T. Sargant, Alex. Patterson, J. A. Wills, T. F. Blackwood, J. McCarter, W. Walker, R. Oliver, J. Colvin, W. Roaf, F. F. Manley, C. A. Matthews, Malcolm Gibbs, W. Lee, George Reeves, W. Bain, R. W. Hull, W. McFadden, J. Bates, Wm. Anderson, R. Charlton, W. G. Eakins, L. B. Montgomery, J. Lovell, W. Riddle and others."

On the 9th December, 1891, a Chapter of Instruction was held in St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto. Again there was a large and enthusiastic attendance, and the Companions must have profited by the magnificent rendering of the work.

On the 17th of December a Lodge of Instruction was held in York Chapter, Eglington, when the P.M. and M.E.M. degrees were exemplified to the gratification of the Companions present.

Unfortunately, at the commencement of the year, I was prostrated with an attack of hœmorrhage of the lungs, which confined me to the house for four months, and I was no sooner able to be around again, than I met with an accident, being thrown out of my buggy, and dislocated my shoulder, which practically incapacitated me until the middle of June, so that for the last six months I have not been able to give such attention to the work as I desired. However, I am convinced that there is a good future for Capitular Masonry, providing Companions would take St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto, of Signet Chapter, of Barrie, as a model, in both of which the motto is, "Promotion by merit, and work well done."

St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, No. 4, G.R.C.—Meet at Toronto-street Hall, Toronto. I paid an official visit on Nov. 20th, 1891, when the M.M.M. Degree was worked by Ex. Comp. Cole, in a very creditable manner, but the floor work was not so good as it might have been. There was a very large attendance, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Number of Comps. on the roll, 96, only showing an addition of one since 30th of June, 1890; average attendance, 18. Outstanding dues are valued at $264. The funds are banked with the Canada Western Loan and Savings Co. The assets are $1,074.89; liabilities, $35; insurance, $1,000. The hall is the best in Toronto, and the prospects of this Chapter are undoubtedly good.

King Solomon's, No. 8, G.R.C.—Meets in the Masonic Hall, Toronto. I visited this Chapter officially on the 4th May, 1892, when the M.M.M. Degree was exemplified in a very able manner by Ex. Comp. N. T. Lyon. A pleasurable feature of the meeting was to see the hearty assistance that was rendered to the presiding officer by Rt. Ex. Comp. Alex. Patterson and M.Ex. Comp. Thos. Sargant, both of whom worked as zealously as though they were aspiring to the Z.'s chair at the next election. The R.A. Degree was also exemplified by Ex.Comp. Wm Anderson and the officers of the Chapter. I am glad to report that they were all "good alike," in the way in which this magnificent degree was exemplified on this occasion. The interest in King Solo-

mon's Chapter is evidently reviving, and I judge it will endeavor to keep its place in the front rank. The Scribe E 's books are in good order. Money regularly handed over to the Treasurer. The number of Comps. on the roll is 147, showing an increase of 9 from last year.

Manitou, No. 27, G.R.C, meets at the Temple, Collingwood.—This Chapter I was unable to visit, and have received the following letter from M. Ex. Comp. H. Robertson:

Collingwood, June 4th, 1892.

Geo. Clarke, Esq.,
*Grand Superintendent, etc.*,
18 Temperance-St., Toronto.

Dear Sir and R. E. Comp.,—I have your favor of the 2nd inst. Manitou Chapter, No. 27, has about 30 members. The meetings are held regularly most of the time, but there have been no candidates for admission during the past year. The business depression is no doubt the cause. Their funds are in good shape, and the officers are capable and qualified for the work. They are not discouraged, but hopeful for more progress as soon as the commercial prosperity revives.

Yours fraternally,

Hy. Robertson.

Signet, No. 34, meets at Barrie.—I visited Barrie on the 28th June, 1892, and had a pleasant interview with M. E. Comp. D. Spry. R. E. Comps. D. F. McWatt, Samuel Wesley, E. Comp. Fraser, and other Comps., and from what they tell me I am satisfied that the prospects of Court Signet were never better. They have a Chapter room that is perfection itself. The members are strongly in favor of the amalgamation of Seymour Chapter with themselves. They would also hold out a loving welcome to Manitou, of Collingwood, if they see their way to join with them. I certainly am of opinion that one really strong enthusiastic Chapter at Barrie would be far preferable to three or four Chapters not far from each other. The number of members on the roll is 50; average attendance 15. Two Companions have been exalted during the year. Twelve meetings and two emergent have been held. The condition of the Scribe E.'s and Treasurer's books is very good. The funds are deposited in a bank. Assets $500. No liabilities. Furniture insured for full value. An inventory is kept outside the Chapter.

Seymour, No. 38, meets at Bradford. This Chapter unfortunately suffered a loss, in their hall being burnt, and all their furniture, jewels, and paraphernalia being destroyed. I saw V. E. Comp. H. S. Broughton on the 28th June at Bradford, and although he was in favor of surrendering the charter to Grand Chapter, and expressed the joint opinion of the members that it would be impossible to resuscitate the Chapter again, I strongly recommended him to communicate with the Comps. at Barrie with a view to amalgamation.

Georgian, No. 56, meets at Owen Sound.—I am indebted to R. Ex. Comp. John Creasor for the following report of Georgian Chapter:

Owen Sound, 7th June, 1892.

My Dear Sir and Companion,—I am very sorry you suffered an injury which prevents you visiting our Chapter, Georgian, No. 56, and hope you will be thoroughly restored before the meeting of Grand Chapter. Our Chapter for nearly a year past was in a very unsatisfactory condition, on account of the sparse attendance. On many occasions there would not be enough meet to open the Chapter, and the question of surrendering the Charter was talked of; but the members, on a

careful consideration of the matter, decided that it would never do to let the Chapter go down. So a rally has been made, which promises to put new life into the Chapter. It is financially sound, and has a good staff of officers. At its last meeting, a brother was received and advanced to the Mark Master. Should you wish any further definite information, I will, if in my power, be glad to furnish you.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN CREASOR.

GEO. CLARKE, ESQ.,
*Grand Superintendent*,
18 Temperance-St., Toronto.

DORIC, No. 60.—Meets at Newmarket. I visited this Chapter on Tuesday, 28th June, 1892, when, with his old-time zeal and ability, V. E. Comp. Bongasser exemplified the R. A. degree. He was ably assisted by the E.Z., P. T. Lee, and also Ex. Comps. Radcliff and Allan. Ex. Comp. Lee, is very enthusiastic, and with the staff of officers he is gathering around him he should bring this Chapter back to its old form. Nine convocations have been held during the year. Number of Comps. on the roll is 28; average attendance, 10; outstanding dues, $160.; funds are not banked but paid over to the Treasurer; assets, $200; liabilities, none; and I regret to say that there is no insurance, which want I trust Doric Chapter will endeavor to attend to forthwith.

YORK CHAPTER, No. 62.—Meets at North Toronto. I have paid three official visits to this Chapter, and I consider it one of the most promising in the district. The warm interest is kept alive in this Chapter by the past Z's. On Sept. 24th, 1891, I paid the first official visit, Ex. Comp. Reeves presided. There was no work done but we had a little talk in the interests of Capitular Masonry, and R.E. Comp. Jno. Fisher, E. Comps. Roaf, Hull, Burke and Humberstone, all assisted, and also were kind enough to give the representative of Grand Chapter a most cordial welcome. On Dec. 17th I paid a second visit, when the P.M. degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Geo. Reeves in the most exemplary manner, leaving nothing to be desired, and the Most Ex. Master's degree was also exemplified by Ex. Comp. G. H. Brown. The work was well done from start to finish. On June 23rd I paid my third visit when there was a good attendance, and again the Past Z.'s were to the front. R. Ex. Comps. Jno. Fisher, Ex. Comp. Jno. McCarter, R. W. Hull, Wm. Roaf, Geo. Reeves being among those present. Ex. Comp. G. H. Brown presided, and the R.A. degree was exemplified in a very able manner by Ex. Comp. Brown and his officers. This Chapter, like St. Paul's, is able to fill any chair at a moment's notice with a Comp. able and willing to work. The Chapter has held 13 communications during the year; there are 44 members on the roll; outstanding dues, ——; $160 paid over to Treasurer, R.Ex. Comp. Fisher; assets, $460; liabilities, $20; insurance, $250; prospects of this Chapter are undoubtedly good.

ST. PAUL'S, No. 55.—Meets at Toronto. This Chapter is without doubt the best in the district. From the Janitor to the Z., every Comp. is right up to his work, and I hold this Chapter as a model for other Chapters in the district to visit and to copy. On the 2nd Oct., 1891, I paid my first official visit without intimating that I intended to be present, in order to make sure that all the good things that I had heard of this Chapter were true. I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. Robert Oliver and Wm. Anderson. The P. M and M. Ex. Master's degrees were exemplified by Ex. Comp. Eakins, assisted by Ex. Comp. B. Allan.

The work was of the highest order—attention to detail most careful and painstaking—and this was to me a delightful visit, as I saw the degrees worked as they *should be*. On the 9th Dec. I visited this Chapter a second time, when the election of officers took place, and the promotion went entirely by merit. The R.A degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. W. J. Eakin. The work was as absolutely perfect as it is possible for it to be. This was not my judgment simply but also that of the large gathering which had assembled to witness the exemplification of this degree. On this occasion R.Ex. Comp. G. J. Bennett, G.S.N., accompanied me. I am also pleased to report that Ex. Comp. G. F. Shipley is maintaining the high repute of St. Paul's Chapter in the most exemplary manner. The communications held have been 11; number of Comps. on the roll, 86; average attendance, 25; outstanding dues, $81; funds banked in "The People's Loan and Deposit Co."; assets Jan. 1st, 1892, $726.83; insurance, $300. It must be most gratifying to the fathers of this Chapter, M.Ex. C. J. Menet and R.Ex. Comp. T. F. Blackwood, to find their efforts crowned with such success. Long may they be spared to perpetuate and strengthen the good work.

Occident, No. 77.—Meets at Toronto. This Chapter has a membership of 76; average attendance, 17; 11 regular communications have been held; outstanding dues, $200; cash paid over promptly to Treasurer, and paid into bank to the credit of Treasurer; assets, $410; liabilities, $25; insurance, $150. I visited this Chapter on the 14th Dec., 1891. There was a good attendance. Election of officers took place. There was no work, but I am satisfied that the officers elected will give a good account of themselves. Prospects of this Chapter an now good.

Orient, No. 79.—Meets at Toronto I visited this Chapter on May 26th, 1892. The attendance was very good, and the reception tendered me most gratifying. Ex. Comp. P. Hill and his officers are well up to their work, and the prospects of this Chapter are encouraging. The Scribe E's books are well kept, and cash is promptly paid over to the Treasurer. Ex. Comp. Ira Bates deserves warm commendation for the faithful oversight he keeps on the welfare of Orient Chapter.

McPherson, No. 86.—Meets at Meaford. I am indebted to R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Matthews, P. G. Supt., for the following report on this Chapter:—Number of meetings held during the year, (5) five; Degrees conferred, none. Assets, cash in bank to the Cr. of the Chapter, $95; dues unpaid, $21.50; value of jewels and furniture, etc., $300. Insurance, $300; liabilities, none. The future prospects of Chapter fair

Antiquity, No. 91.—Meets at Toronto. On the 14th June, 1892, I visited this Chapter. This is another of the Chapters in which the P. Z's take a live and earnest interest, and it was with the greatest pleasure I found R. E. Comps. G. J. Bennett and Dr. G. G. Rowe, and V. E. Comps. W. Walker and T. W. Todd (all P. Z's. of Antiquity) amongst those present to receive me. The Chapter is ably presided over by Ex. Comp. F. M. Morcon, and he is well supported by the Past Z's. The second and third Principals are almost as much distinguished for their attendance as they are for their work, nothing of the latter having as yet been witnessed. The prospects of this Chapter, however, are very good. The Scribe's books are neatly kept, and money is promptly accounted for to the Treasurer. The Chapter is doing excellent work, notwithstanding the inattention of its principal officers, and

its prospects are equally good. They meet in a comfortably furnished hall, and the property is insured.

Spry, No. 92, Alliston.—This Chapter is dead, and should have been buried long ago, and I hope, before the meeting of Grand Chapter, to either have arranged for the amalgamation of this Chapter with Signet Chapter, of Barrie, or else for the removal of it.

Tuscan Chapter, No. 95.—Meets at Brampton. On September 14th, 1891, I paid this Chapter an official visit, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. G. J. Bennett, Grand S. N., and Ex. Comp. Robert Oliver. The R. A. degree was worked with his usual well-known ability, by the latter, and Ex. Comp. H. McFadden did exceedingly well. I look for great things from this Chapter. Number of communications held, nine. Forty-nine Comps. on the roll. Average attendance fifteen. Outstanding dues $160. Funds paid promptly to the Treasurer, Assets, $200. Liabilities, none. No insurance, to which point I hope the officers of Tuscan Chapter will give prompt attention.

Algonquin, No. 102.—Meets at Sault St. Marie. I have received no report from this Chapter. I have had several communications with them, and they seem to be alive to their duties and responsibilities, and I am very glad that Ex. Comp. D. Bole has given notice to form this and other Chapters into a separate district, as this Chapter is altogether too far away to be under the charge of Toronto District.

Se. John's, No. 103. Meets at North Bay.—I am indebted to the S.E. of this Chapter, Comp. W. T. Plummer, for the following report: St. John's, No. 103, was warranted last July—one year ago, and though its progress has not justified expectations, there is no just reason to complain. The main cause is attributable to the fact that the lodges from whom the majority of our members are derived, are largely composed of railway employés, whose time and services are more drawn upon in the winter and spring months. But judging from the interest taken in Capitular Masonry, there is no reason for discouragement or doubt for the future welfare and success of the Chapter. Number of charter members, 14; present membership R.A.M., 24; number of exaltations since July, 14; number of withdrawals, 3; number rejected, 2; number of regular convocations, 10; number of deaths, 1; average attendance, 10. The small balance due on our outfit will take the cash on hand to cover, after which the Chapter will be practically unincumbered, and if it is as successful in the coming year as in the past, the officers feel confident of a better showing, numerically and financially, so as to reflect no discredit upon Grand Chapter, which has entrusted the Royal Craft to their keeping. Comp. Plummer thus concludes his interesting communication: "We desire, through yourself, to return our warmest thanks to the Most Ex. Grand Z. and officers of Grand Chapter, for their many individual acts of courtesy, and especially to the noble Companions of Signet No. 34, Barrie, for the *very many* acts of kindness, personal sacrifices of time and comfort, whenever called upon 'to come up and aid us in rebuilding the house of the Lord,' without hope of fee or reward, for, it is to them, we, in a large measure, owe our success. May their enthusiastic phalanx long be spared to aid and assist others as they have us!"

I cannot close this report without expressing the regret of the district at the great loss sustained by Capitular Masonry in the decease of R. Ex. Comp. D. McLellan, Grand Scribe E. Wherever I have gone, I have found his name loved, honored and revered. The district gener-

ally was pleased to learn of the appointment by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., of M. Ex. Comp. T. Sargant to the vacant office of Grand Scribe E. This District also deplores the loss sustained by the decease of R. E. Comp. Mitchell, late Grand Treasurer. No one can fill his place. His absence will be felt as long as one Companion remains to attend Grand Chapter, who knew R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Mitchell. I am glad to say that peace and harmony, love and friendship reign in this district, and may increased prosperity prevail therein through the years to come.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE CLARK,
*Grand Supt. Toronto District, No. 8.*

## ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 9.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ontario District. Having been honored by Grand Chapter with the responsible position of Grand Supt. of this district, I entered upon the duties of that honorable position with a determination to do my duty. I made one visit to each of the Chapters in this district, and some of them I visited the second time. In every case the rooms are suitable and neatly furnished.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, Oshawa, was visited by me on the 12th February last, on which occasion the M.E.M. degree was worked. I am sorry I cannot commend the manner in which the ceremony was performed. The officers seem to be wedded to the use of the ceremonies even in the opening and closing. This is a growing evil, and I strongly recommend their abolition, as better work in all our Chapters would be the result. Personally, I can only speak in praise of the officers and members of Pentalpha. They are an intelligent, fine lot of men, and if a bad example had not been set them in the past, I am confident they would get the work up as readily as any Chapter. The membership is 31; increase during the year, 3; degrees conferred during the year, 3 M.M.M.; 3 P.M.; 5 M.E.M., and 5 R.A. Meetings held, regular 7: emergent, 1; total, 8. Average attendance of members 15; amount paid for relief $20; insurance $200.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35.—Meets at Whitby. This Chapter has a membership of 32. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 11. I visited on the 20th May, 1892, accompanied by Ex. Comp. A. R. Hargraft. I witnessed the R.A. degree conferred on two candidates by the regular officers. The First Principal, A. M. Ross, is a good worker, as is also the J. and P.S. The H., I regret to say is an indifferent worker; time does not seem to improve him, and here the thought occurs, that Comps. who accept responsible positions and then treat the honor and position with contempt by not attending to the duties of their office, and fail to perfect themselves in the work, do a Chapter a positive injury. The other subordinate officers performed their work fairly well, but there is plenty of room for improvement. Meetings held during the year, regular, 6; emergent, 1; number of members over twelve months in arrears, none. prospects of Chapter, fair; increase during the year, 4; insurance, $200. Keystone Chapter, No. 35, was represented at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, by Rt. Ex., Comp. W. R. Howse. The books of the Chapter are well kept, and, financially, it is in a satisfactory condition. There is material in the Chapter capable of bringing it to the front rank.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.—I visited this Chapter January 19th, and witnessed the work done in the M.E.M. and R.A. Degrees. Ex. Comp. R. E. Wood, the present First Principal, takes a lively interest in the prosperity of the Chapter, and its affairs are well managed. Ex. Comp. R. E. Wood is a first-class worker, and he is ably assisted by his Second and Third Principals, Ex. Comp. D. Spence as H., and Ex. Comp. A Smith as J. The P.S., Comp. Rush, is exceptionally good. V. Ex. Comp. Morrow delivered the mystical Lecture in a very able manner. The books are well kept, and reflect credit on the Scribe E , T. E. Bradburn. The Chapter meets regularly. There are 49 members on the roll, average attendance, 15. They held 9 regular meetings last year, and have admitted two members during the year. The cash is promptly paid over to the Treasurer, who banks it in the name of Corinthian Chapter. There are no members in arrears of dues. The hall is particularly handsome, and the whole suite of Chapter, ante, and refreshment rooms is most appropriate and convenient. The Chapter was represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter by R. E. Comp. Shortly. Insurance, $900. The prospects of Corinthian Chapter are very satisfactory.

Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope, was visited by me on the 9th of June, when I was sorry they had no work on hand. The opening and closing ceremonies and portions of the work were gone through in a very satisfactory manner. Very little work has been done by this Chapter in the past few years, owing to the Blue Lodges not receiving much material The prospects are favorable now for increased prosperity in the latter, from which the Chapter must reap some benefit. The officers speak hopefully, and look for a considerable increase in their members during the coming winter. There are 4 members in arrears, whose total indebtedness for dues amounts to $73.85 ; 3 whose dues amount to $23.25, and 7 who owe $38.25, making the total amount of arrears for dues, $135.25. This is a considerable sum, but it is thought at least 75 per cent. is good. There have been six meetings held during the year, with a very fair average attendance. The First Principal, E. Comp. W. H. Robertson, is an enthusiastic worker, and is well up in all the details of the degrees. The other officers perform their part in a creditable manner, but for want of work, are not as thorough as I would like to see them, for Victoria in the old days was regarded as the crack Chapter of this section. The hall is very suitable, and is handsomely furnished, while the paraphernalia is most complete. The hall is occupied jointly with the lodges. The furniture is insured for $300. Financially, the Chapter is in a flourishing condition.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.—I visited this Chapter at the regu ar convocation in January, accompanied by Ex. Comp. R. J. Craig, Comps. Rankin, Hooey and Hargraft, of St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg. The attendance was large, and I was pleased to find there was work in the Mark and R. A. degrees. The Comps. from Cobourg performed the principal part of the ceremony in both of these degrees, Ex. Comp. R. J. Craig acting as W.M. in the Mark degree. I regard Ex. Comp. Craig as one of the best workers in Ontario district, and he deserves great credit for the deep interest he takes in all branches of Masonry. This Chapter has considerable cash on hand, and I pointed out the necessity of procuring further articles of furniture which are indispensible for the proper working of the degrees. I have no doubt that my suggestions have been carried out, as a large outlay was not

involved. Comp. S. E.'s books are well and neatly kept, he being a practical and efficient officer. The prospects of Excelsior Chapter are very bright, and this is greatly due to the able manner in which everything in connection with its affairs are managed.

St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.—This is my mother Chapter, and I attended most of the meetings during the year. The officers of this Chapter are well skilled and fully competent to perform all the duties of their respective offices. The present Z. is Ex. Comp. A. R. Hargraft, is an enthusiastic young Mason, and is anxious that No. 48 may not decline under his administration. Degrees conferred, one, M.M.M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A.; regular meetings held, 8; average attendance of members, 12; number of members over 12 months in arrears, none; state of Chapter financially, very good; prospects of Chapter, good; insurance, $400.

Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.—Meets on the third Thursday of every month. The membership is 32. During the year there were 10 regular convocations. Average attendance, 11. I visited this Chapter on Feb. 18th, 1892; on the occasion of my visit no degrees were exemplified. The Z. of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. W. J. Hallett, is a good worker and can exemplify all the Royal Arch degrees. Up to February 18th, the Z. has exemplified the M.M.M., P.M., M.E.M. and the R.A. degrees. I found the books neatly and correctly kept by Comp. G. S. Patrick, who deserves much credit for his excellent system of performing his duties. Comp. G. H. M. Baker, the P.S., is, I understand, a good worker. Number of members over twelve months in arrears, 9; total of all arrearages, $70; affiliations, 1; resignations, 1; state of Chapter financially, very fair; insurance, $250; the Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by the G. Supt. R.E. Comp. B. Dingle; the prospects of Midland Chapter are encouraging; their room, furniture, robes, jewels, etc., are in good order. As there was no work on hand I had the officers open and close in several degrees, which was done satisfactorily, after which an adjournment was made to the refreshment rooms, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

My experience has shown that if the members to constitute a quorum was reduced the meetings in several Chapters in country places would be more frequent. The difficulty frequently happens in being unable to secure the presence of three Principals. One Principal should suffice for ordinary business, and five members constitute a quorum. This change would be a good one for small Chapters.

### DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have recommended that several dispensations should be issued for the installation of Companions who have not served in offices required by the constitution, all of which were granted. I have seen recommendations urging the curtailing of such dispensations, but from what I have seen during my connection with the R.A., and particularly from my experience of the past year, I am strongly of the opinion that these dispensations serve a very useful purpose, as they give the Chapter a wider range from which to select their officers. A Companion may be selected as J. and prove a failure; the H. or Z. may not wish re-election, so that it would be absurd to be forced to promote an officer whose incompetency is painfully apparent to all.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the officers and members of the several Chapters throughout the District for the uniform

courtesy and fraternal feeling extended to me whenever I have visited the Chapters or individual Comps., either officially or otherwise, during my term of office, and I can assure them that the many pleasant and instructive hours spent with the Companions of the Ontario District will be treasured up in my remembrance, and I shall always look back with pleasure to the year in which I held the office of Grand Superintendent of the District, and I trust that whosoever my successor may be that the same kind consideration that I have received at their hands will be extended to him. And I finally acknowledge the favor shown me by those Comps. who accompanied me on so many visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

P. J. LIGHTBURNE,
*Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 9.*

Cobourg, Jnne 26th, 1882.

## PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 10.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit my report on the condition of R. A. Masonry in Prince Edward District.

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, Belleville, has had a most successful year; meetings were held twice a month throughout the past year, except in July and August, when the Chapter takes a recess. The intermeditate and R. A. Degrees are admirably worked, and the attendance large. I attribute the marked success of the Chapter, during the past two years, to the undivided attention the officers are bestowing on it; the majority of them were expert workers in the Craft Lodges and having made way for younger members, are enabled to concentrate their energies on the Chapter with beneficial results.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26.—Trenton is making favorable progress, and has added materially to its membership during the past year. The officers of the Moira Chapter, Belleville, visited Trenton at their meeting in April, and assisted at exaltıng three candidates to the R. A. Degree. I am in monthly communication with the promoters of St. Mark's Chapter, and I am confident no efforts will be spared to keep up the interest in the good work.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 31, Picton, is in good condition, although they have had little work to do during the year; the meetings have been regularly held, and the Z. and his officers are doing the Chapter good in inducing and winning back to their allegiance Companions who had become careless and negligent in their attendance. Ex-Comp. Morden has infused an influence in this Chapter that is bearıng good results.

MOUNT SINAI, NAPANEE, have fallen away from their usual high standard, and their meetings have been irregular. When I visited the Chapter in May, there was a difficulty in securing a quorum to open the Chapter. I feel confident that it is an error of judgment to have the three Principals of this Chapter reside such a distance from Napanee. The fact that the Z., H., and J. reside from five to twelve miles from the place where the Chapter should meet, must, in my opinion, militate against its welfare.

On the 4th of December, 1891, I held a Chapter of Instruction, in the Masonic Hall, Belleville. The degrees were worked as follows:—Ex.

Comp. Warner and the officers of Mount Sinai Chapter exemplified the M. M. M. degree. V. Ex. Comp. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, and the officers of St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, the P. M. degree. The M. E. M. degree was allotted to Prince Edward Chapter, Picton, but the date being inopportune for them, Ex. Comp. Webster and the officers of the Moira Chapter, Belleville, worked the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees. I was honored on this occasion by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand Z , and I am proud to say that the combined events, the presence of the Grand Z., and the Chapter of Instruction, were the means of bringing the most numerous assemblage of R. A. Masons that ever gathered in this section. The whole proceedings were most successful and instructive, and amply repaid me for the time and trouble necessary in carrying the affair to a pleasant termination, and I heartily thank the M. E. Grand Z., and the officers of the Chapters who assisted me in the undertaking.

In conclusion, I beg to thank the Companions of Prince Edward District for their kindness to me, and it is a pleasure to hand the office over to my successor with peace and harmony prevailing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. McGINNIS,
*G. Supt. P. E. District.*

Belleville, 16th June, 1892.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT, No. 11.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

I had intended sending in my report as District Superintendent of the Central District prior to the 30th of June, but was unable to do so for want of some information which I desired to embody in it. The state of my health made it dangerous for me to travel during the winter season when it could possibly be avoided, especially during the night, and I was therefore obliged to delay my visits to the different Chapters until the opening of spring. I have, during my term of office, visited personally five out of the eight Chapters in my district, namely : Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston ; Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa ; Grenville, No. 22, Prescott ; Sussex, No. 59, Brockville ; and St. Lawrence, No. 100, Brockville. With the permission of the M. E. the Grand Z., I asked R. E. Comp. Taylor to visit Granite, No. 61, Almonte, for me. Two of the Chapters, namely : Pembroke, No. 58, and Maitland, No. 68, were unable to hold meetings to receive a visit. In the case of the former I was informed that the members were scattered and could not be brought together, and in the case of the latter the Ex. Z. wrote to me that it would be impossible to have a meeting as several of the prominent officers were away.

I do not think it necessary to embody in this report information which is contained in the regular report transmitted to the Grand Scribe Z., and I will confine myself to general remarks respecting the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the district and in the Chapters which I visited. There is no doubt that in the country districts there is a great deal of difficulty in maintaining the Chapters in proper and efficient condition, and indeed this remark might be extended to those in many of the towns. The reasons for this state of things are no doubt understood by those who have had long experience in Royal Arch Masonry in this country. There occur to me, however, the following : Other organizations have sprung up which absorb the money and at-

tention of many who would otherwise probably be devoted adherents of the Order. Other branches of Masonry draw off many of the brethren. The work is difficult and not easily acquired. The number of Royal Arch Masons being relatively small it is difficult, particularly in country districts, to get the Companions together, and they lose interest in their work.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, has had a very successful year, and is in excellent condition, owing chiefly to the earnestness and zeal of the late first Principal, R.E. Comp. Somerville and his officers. I have had several opportunities of observing the work done in this Chapter, and I cannot speak too highly of it.

I might speak in almost the same terms of Carleton Chapter, except that I have had only one opportunity of paying it a visit. On that occasion the Chapter was honored by the presence of the M. E. the Grand Z., and there was a very large attendance. The degree of M.M.M. was conferred, and I was much struck with the expression thrown into the work by the officers who conducted it.

Grenville Chapter has not done very well since the beginning of the present year. No meeting had been held until I went down. I urged on the Companions the necessity for exertion and the maintenance of a proper interest in Capitular Masonry, and I was promised that they would do better another year.

As I have already stated, an opportunity has not been given me for visiting Pembroke Chapter.

Sussex Chapter, Brockville, appeared to be in very fair condition. I am of opinion, however, that Brockville cannot support two Chapters, and that eventually the number must be again reduced to one. The Chapter and Blue Lodges meet in different rooms, the maintenance of which seems to be an unnecessary expense. I endeavored to arrange for a joint meeting of Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters with the view in part of promoting a cordial feeling between them, but I regret to say that I did not succeed.

R.E. Comp. David Taylor, whom I requested to visit Granite Chapter on my behalf, reports that he visited the Chapter on the evening of the 29th of June last, in company with two other brethren from Ottawa; that the Chapter had only three meetings since he had installed the officers two years ago; that the work on the occasion of his visit was fairly well done. It consisted of the exaltation of two Companions to the Supreme degree. The Chapter is not progressing as he would like to have it, but he says that the officers seem to have hopes, in which he shares, of better things in the future.

From what I heard of Maitland Chapter I fear that the anticipations of my predecessor respecting it, which are expressed in his report of last year, have not been realized. The Principal could not, as I said before, give me a meeting.

St. Lawrence Chapter, Brockville, is doing fairly wel , quite as well as can be expected, considering the circumstances under which it works. The Companions state that they have lost, by removal, many of their most active brethren, and that the Chapter has suffered in consequence. The Chapter is admirably equipped and lodged.

I should have liked to have been in a position to give to the duties of Grand District Superintendent more time and attention than I was able

to spare to them this year, but the many calls upon me have made this impossible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,
Kingston, 4th July, 1892. *G. D. S.*

## MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 12.

*To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Manitoba District.

PRINCE RUPERT, No. 52, Winnipeg.—It was my intention at the beginning of the year to visit the Manitoba Chapters but the distance and time required, and pressure of business at home, prevented me from doing as I wished. From information received, this Chapter shows an enviable record and keeps up the standard of efficency, having held fifteen (15) convocations during the past year, and added twenty-eight (28) members to its roll, conferring one hundred and four (104) degrees. Their resignation, suspension and death roll amounts to twelve (12), leaving a total membership of one hundred and sixty-three (163) members. I have received notices of convocations held very regularly. Value of paraphernalia and furniture, $643.50, upon which there is an insurance of $400.

SHUNIAH, No. 82, Port Arthur.—This is my mother Chapter, and I have been a regular attendant at its convocations and paid two (2) official visits. I had the pleasure of installing its officers last December, on St. John's day. The past year has not been as prosperous as the previous year, but it has been caused from lack of material. The officers are all well up in their work and the utmost harmony prevails. There are sixty-five members on the roll.

GOLDEN, No. 90, Rat Portage.—This Chapter has held no convocations during the past year, and seems to be in a state of *status quo*.

VANCOUVER, No. 98, Vancouver.—I have received notices of convocations held by this Chapter very regularly. The following officers were installed on the 13th January: First Principal, Rt. Rev. W. A. Sillitoe, D.D.; Second Principal, Wm. Greer; Third Principal, R. B. Kelly. They held nine (9) regular convocations, and have a total membership of thirty-seven (37); value of regalia, robes, etc., $250, which is fully insured.

KEYSTONE, No. 99, Portage La Prairie.—This Chapter has had a prosperous year and the officers are all well up in their work. They have held twelve (12) convocations and conferred twenty-one (21) degrees, and have a total membership of thirty-three (33) on the roll. The regalia and furniture is valued at $450 and is fully insured.

CORINTHIAN, No. 101, Boissevain, Man.—I have a very favorable report of this Chapter from Ex. Comp. James Rae, Past Z. It has an excellent set of officers who are all well up in their work, and the utmost harmony prevails. They have held six (6) regular convocations, and conferred seven (7) degrees, and have a total membership of twenty-two (22); value of regalia, $300, and no debts.

I received an application in January last from Rt. Ex. Comp. W. G. Bell, Ex. Comp. J. A. Carley and others—made out in regular form—for the formation of a new Chapter in Winnipeg, to be called Signet Chapter. It was recommended by Prince Rupert's Chapter, No. 52. I

immediately forwarded same to Grand Z. with my recommendations for the granting of a dispensation, as I was informed they had a large amount of work on hand and wanted to get organized as soon as possible. The dispensation was granted about a month after, and they have a record since starting to be proud of. They have held seven (7) convocations, and conferred thirty-nine (39) degrees. The total membership on the roll is fifty-two (52).

I have issued one dispensation to Prince Rupert's Chapter to wear regalia at divine service on Sunday, the 26th June, and recommended the issuing of dispensations to Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, to elect and instal officers on same night.

I am happy to state that Capitular Masonry is in a healthy and prosperous condition in the Manitoba District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. J. CLARKE,
*Grand Supt. Manitoba District.*

Port Arthur, Ont., July 2nd, 1892.

## AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT NO. 13.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor to submit to you my report for the present year, as Grand Superintendent of the Australian District No. 13.

I must apologize for not reporting the condition of Capitular Masonry in Victoria before, but when I received my appointment, all the Chapters were in abeyance, in consequence of the great opposition the Comps. received from the other constitutions. So great was this friction that the Canadian Comps. were not recognized in any shape, and to visit a Canadian Chapter was almost considered a venial sin by the members of the E.C. So great was the opposition that Comps. did not think that they were acting rightly in inviting brethren to become members; thus I had nothing to report save unpleasant disputes.

I was in hopes that on the amalgamation of the craft in Victoria all differences would be sunk, and all would be ranged under one banner, but such, I am sorry to say, is not the case.

Seeing that the state of affairs did not mend, and whatever was done failed to satisfy the other constitutions, I determined on some decisive step; that was either to return the warrants to the Grand Chapter of Canada or to start working. The Companions having met and considered the state of affairs, it was decided to work the Chapters, and this was done with good effect and success.

No. 93, METROPOLITAN CHAPTER. held a meeting, and re-formed, by help of some of the old members, and was fairly flourishing.

However, on the formation of the so-called Grand Chapter of Victoria, to which installation ceremony our Comps. were refused admittance, though some presented themselves, they decided to join it and sever their connection with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I wrote to and interviewed the Z. of the Chapter, pointing out to him the necessity of making the proper returns, in order to obtain the certificates for the Comps. exalted in his Chapter. He promised to do so, but to the present has failed to keep his promise.

The following met after the Chapter threw in their lot with the Grand Chapter of Victoria. Two of its P.Z's. were made Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter. There has been no meeting since and I am of the opinion that the Chapter is practically dead. I have made

several applications for the warrant but failed to obtain it; they said they would return it to Canada.

No. 96, Australasian Kilwinning Chapter, Melbourne, have held several meetings this year, and from the able help and assistance I have received from P.Z's. Joseph M. D'Amer-Drew, Louis Samuel Dumont and John Robertson, the Chapter is making great progress and good members, as you will see per returns this mail.

I think that this Chapter will soon be one of the strongest in Victoria. The members are working well together and are determined to go ahead with the work. They have several good Canadian Comps. who are determined to hold up our Constitution.

The complete Mark furniture has been presented to the Chapter by the brethren in the Mark degree, and they have purchased a new set of furniture for the Arch degree.

No. 97, City of Melbourne, is also making great strides and splendid progress. This Chapter received great assistance from P.Z. T. Branwell, Past Dist.-Supt., and P.Z. E A. Colles, who have borne the greatest part of the labor in bringing this Chapter up to its present healthy state, now bids fair to be the premier Chapter here.

You will see per returns that they are working in connection with an English Mark Lodge, and giving on the P.M., M.E.M., and R.A. degrees.

I cannot close the report without acknowledging the great assistance I have received from my son, Dr. Joseph M. D'Amer-Drew, who has performed all the clerical work.

I trust that the harmony and prosperity which now prevails among the Canadian Companions in Victoria may continue.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Joseph D'Amer-Drew,
*Grand Supt. Victoria District, No. 1*
61 Park-St. W., South Melbourne, Melbourne, Victoria.

## REPORT FROM THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA, NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF VERMONT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

The recurrence of our annual Masonic meetings in Vermont, now just closed, reminds me that your yearly session is near at hand, and that a few words concerning affairs in this jurisdiction may not be entirely devoid of interest.

The 75th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held at Burlington, June 17th, every officer being present with the exception of the Grand Tyler, Companion Emory Town, who died during the year; every Chapter represented save one, and probably the largest attendance in our history. The address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. George W. Wing, was of much interest and fully up to his usual high standard of excellence. He presented the record of his official acts, reviewed the transactions of the General Grand Chapter at Minneapolis last year, and paid fitting tribute to the fraternal dead, few, happily, in our own jurisdiction, but many in others; your own lamented Companion, David McLellan, late Grand Scribe E., being among the number.

The year just closed has been one of great prosperity. The returns from subordinate Chapters indicate much more work than usual and show a gain in membership of 103 over last report, the present number

being 2,423. Granite Chapter of Barrie, which was organized in 1891, gave convincing evidence of its success while under dispensation, and was accordingly granted a Charter. A dispensation was also issued to the Companions residing in the vicinity of Barton, and there is every indication that at our next Annual Convention another full-fledged Chapter will be added to the roll, which now numbers 26. No grievance or complaint of any character was brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter, and the fact that harmony prevails within our borders was made manifest by the re-election of last year's officers: M.E. George W. Wing, of Montpelier, remaining Grand High Priest, and R.E. Warren G. Reynolds, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

The very large attendance and the unusual interest displayed in the business of the session gave ample assurance that the star of Capitular Masonry in the Green Mountain State is still in the ascendant, and the outlook for the future most encouraging.

With thanks for your very flattering action in regard to my brief report of last year—unexpected as it was undeserved—and greetings to the officers and members of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Canada when assembled, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. WHITCOMB,

*Grand Representative Near Vermont.*

Proctorsville, Vt., July 4th, 1892.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R.E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved,** That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Lodge.

R.E. Comp. T. Sargant, Grand Scribe E., submitted his annual cash statement of moneys received during the year, together with the books, etc., and the Grand Treasurer, R.E. Comp. Hugh Murray, submitted his annual statement of receipts and disbursements with vouchers attached.

GRAND SCRIBE E., CASH STATEMENT.

| 1892. | | 1891. | CREDIT. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June 30th, to receipts | $2,943 63 | July 6, | by Grand Treasurer | $ 75 00 |
| | | " 31, | " " | 170 00 |
| | | Aug. 31, | " " | 24 00 |
| | | Sept. 30, | " " | 282 85 |
| | | Oct. 24, | " " | 11 00 |
| | | Nov. 4, | " " | 112 50 |
| | | " 30, | " " | 57 50 |
| | | " 30, | " " | 20 26 |
| | | Dec. 24, | " " | 102 80 |
| | | 1892. | | |
| | | Jan. 20, | " " | 75 00 |
| | | Mar. 3, | " " | 58 50 |
| | | April 30, | " " | 176 27 |
| | | May 17, | " " | 200 00 |
| | | " 19, | " " | 20 30 |
| | | June 27, | " " | 640 60 |
| | | " 29, | " " | 472 60 |
| | | " 30, | " " | 78 50 |
| | | " 30, | " " | 75 00 |
| | | " 30, | " " | 224 25 |
| | $2,943 63 | | | $2,943 63 |

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

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| Certificates | $340 00 |
| Dues | 707 50 |
| Fees | 301 00 |
| Dispensations | 151 10 |
| Warrants | 10 00 |
| Constitutions | 56 45 |
| Ceremonies | 146 67 |
| Interest on Western Canada Loan Co., 1st May | 213 75 |
| Interest on Toronto General Trusts Co. Bond | 225 00 |
| Interest on Bank Deposits | 35 91 |
| Interest on Landed Banking and Loan Co., 31st May | 456 25 |
| | $2,943 63 |

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 30th June, 1892.

THOMAS SARGANT, G.S.E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

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| No. 2.—The Hiram | $ 82 00 |
| " 3.—St. John's | 33 40 |
| " 4.—St. Andrew and St. John's | 29 00 |
| " 5.—St. George | 29 80 |
| " 6.—St. John's | 105 00 |
| " 7.—Moira | 69 00 |
| " 8.—King Solomon's | 60 90 |
| " 15.—Wawanosh | 23 60 |
| " 16.—Carleton | 35 00 |
| " 18.—Oxford | 7 60 |
| " 19.—Mt. Moriah | 19 60 |
| " 20.—Mt. Horeb | 22 00 |
| " 22.—Grenville | 18 60 |
| " 23.—Ezra | 40 50 |
| " 24.—Tecumseh | 25 70 |
| " 26.—St. Mark's | 33 70 |
| " 27.—Manitou | 25 40 |
| " 28.—Pentalpha | 19 40 |
| " 30.—Huron | 8 80 |
| " 31.—Prince Edward | 13 80 |
| " 33.—Signet | 16 00 |
| " 35.—Keystone | 18 40 |
| " 36.—Corinthian | 13 60 |
| " 37.—Victoria | 11 00 |
| " 40.—Guelph | 16 90 |
| " 41.—Harris | 10 60 |
| " 45.—Excelsior | 8 00 |
| " 47.—Wellington | 11 80 |
| " 48.—St. John's | 10 40 |
| " 52.—Prince Rupert | 10 20 |
| " 53.—Bruce | 25 20 |
| " 54.—Palestine | 39 40 |
| " 55.—Niagara | 13 00 |
| " 56.—Georgian | 7 00 |
| " 58.—Pembroke | 6 40 |
| " 59.—Sussex | 25 60 |
| " 60.—Doric | 27 00 |
| | $1,087 30 |

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| Brought forward | $1,087 30 |
| No. 61.—Granite | 2 00 |
| " 62.—York | 34 30 |
| " 63.—Havelock | 22 60 |
| " 65.—St. Paul's | 30 40 |
| " 66.—The Malloch | 5 40 |
| " 69.—Grimsby | 5 80 |
| " 73.—Erie | 5 20 |
| " 75.—St. Clair | 12 25 |
| " 76.—Mount Nebo | 69 80 |
| " 77.—Occident | 25 00 |
| " 79.—Orient | 36 60 |
| " 80.—Ark | 12 00 |
| " 81.—Aylmer | 22 50 |
| " 82.—Shuniah | 1 00 |
| " 83.—Ionic | 24 80 |
| " 85.—Exeter | 9 60 |
| " 86.—Macpherson | 4 80 |
| " 88.—Macnabb | 3 80 |
| " 91.—Antiquity | 17 00 |
| " 92.—Spry | 2 00 |
| " 94.—Midland | 8 80 |
| " 95.—Tuscan | 10 60 |
| " 96.—Australian Kilwinning | 60 22 |
| " 97.—City of Melbourne | 136 27 |
| " 98.—Vancouver | 22 50 |
| " 100.—St. Lawrence | 22 80 |
| " 101.—Corinthian | 6 40 |
| " 102.—Algonquin | 46 90 |
| " 103.—St. John's | 21 00 |
| U. D. —White Oak | 46 00 |
| U. D. —Signet | 84 40 |
| Ceremonies | 112 68 |
| Bank interest, 30th May, 1892 | 35 91 |
| Western Canada Loan Co | 213 75 |
| Toronto General Trusts Co | 225 00 |
| Landed Banking and Loan Co | 456 25 |
| | $2,943 63 |

HUGH MURRAY, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M.

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| 1891. | | | | | |
| June 30, | To Balance as per statement at this date | | | | $2,462 52 |
| July 6, | " | Grand | Scribe E | | 75 00 |
| " 31, | " | " | " | | 170 40 |
| Aug. 31, | " | " | " | | 24 00 |
| Sept. 22, | " | " | " | | 200 00 |
| " 22, | " | " | " | | 88 85 |
| Oct. 24, | " | " | " | | 11 00 |
| Nov. 4, | " | " | " | | 112 50 |
| " 30, | " | " | " | | 57 80 |
| " 30, | " | " | " | Interest on Bank Account | 20 26 |

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| Dec. 26, | To Grand Scribe E | | $102 80 |
| 1892. | | | |
| Jan. 11, | " " " | | 75 00 |
| Mar. 3, | " " " | | 58 50 |
| April 20, | " " " | | 176 27 |
| May 17, | " " " | | 200 00 |
| " 19, | " " " | | 60 22 |
| " 25, | " " " | | 20 08 |
| " 31, | " " " | Interest on Bank Account | 15 65 |
| June 23, | " " " | | 51 10 |
| " 30, | " " " | | 640 60 |
| " 30, | " " " | | 472 60 |
| " 30, | " " " | | 153 50 |
| " 30, | " " " | | 157 50 |
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| 1891. | | | |
| July 29, | By Order 487, John H. Pritchard | | $ 5 00 |
| " 29, | " 488, Royal Insurance Co | | 4 50 |
| " 29, | " 489, Copp, Clark & Co | | 15 00 |
| " 29, | " 490, A. McPherson | | 32 50 |
| Aug. 1, | " 491, Henry Robertson | | 50 00 |
| " 1, | " 500, Mrs. Waltho | | 10 00 |
| " 1, | " 499, Comp. Couper | | 25 00 |
| " 1, | " 507, Landed Banking and Loan Co., Debenture | | 1,500 00 |
| " 6, | " 508, William Bruce | | 8 00 |
| " 6, | " 506, Mrs. McVeity | | 10 00 |
| " 6, | " 492, Incidental Expenses, Grand Scribe E | | 25 00 |
| " 11, | " 505, Mrs. Wallace | | 10 00 |
| " 11, | " 496, Mrs. Bennett | | 15 00 |
| " 11, | " 495, Mrs. Kennedy | | 15 00 |
| " 13, | " 493, Mrs. Blondheim | | 15 00 |
| " 19, | " 502, Orphans of Comp. McPhail | | 20 00 |
| " 20, | " 494, Mrs. Benedict | | 15 00 |
| " 21, | " 497, Children of Comp. Burns | | 15 00 |
| " 25, | " 503, Mrs. Fortier | | 15 00 |
| " 26, | " 504, Mrs. Ramsay | | 10 00 |
| " 26, | " 498, Mrs. Piggott | | 10 00 |
| " 29, | " 501, Mrs. McLeod | | 10 00 |
| Sept. 2, | " 509, D. Henderson | | 8 00 |
| " 13, | " 510, John Eastwood & Co | | 3 75 |
| " 19, | " 511, A. McPherson | | 80 50 |
| Oct. 2, | " 512, Rolph Smith & Co | | 80 00 |
| " 2, | " 514, D. McLellan | | 175 00 |
| " 3, | " 513, E. Mitchell | | 12 50 |
| Dec. 2, | " 515, Mrs. MacLeod Moore | | 20 00 |
| 1892. | | | |
| Mar. 8, | " 518, Mrs. Kennedy | | 15 00 |
| " 8, | " 519, Mrs. Bennett | | 15 00 |
| " 8, | " 523, Comp. Couper | | 25 00 |
| " 8, | " 529, Mrs. Wallace | | 10 00 |
| " 8, | " 521, Mrs. MacLeod Moore | | 20 00 |
| " 9, | " 526, Orphans of Comp. McPhail | | 20 00 |
| " 9, | " 524, Mrs. Waltho | | 10 00 |
| " 9, | " 525, Mrs. McLeod | | 10 00 |
| " 10, | " 516, Mrs. Blondheim | | 15 00 |
| " 23, | " 528, Mrs. Ramsay | | 10 00 |
| " 30, | " 532, E. Mitchell | | 12 50 |
| April 2, | " 520, J. A. Wills | | 15 00 |
| " 2, | " 517, Geo. Somerville | | 15 00 |
| " 6, | " 530, F. G Maloney | | 10 00 |
| " 16, | " 534, Executors of Grand Treasurer | | 12 50 |
| " 16, | " 527, Widow of C. F. Fortier | | 15 00 |
| " 21, | " 531, Executors of the late Grand Scribe E | | 175 00 |
| " 21, | " 533, " " " " | | 175 00 |
| " 22, | " 522, Mrs. Piggott | | 10 00 |
| June 30, | " 535, Thos. Sargant | | 175 00 |
| " 30, | " 536, Hugh Murray | | 12 50 |
| | By Balance | | 2,413 90 |
| | | | $5,406 05 |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER AT 30TH JUNE, 1892.

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| Debenture Western Canada Loan and Savings Co. at 5 per cent | $4,500 00 |
| Debenture (2) Landed Banking and Loan Co. at 5 per cent | 8,000 00 |
| " " " " " | 1,500 00 |
| Bond, Toronto General Trust Co. at per cent | 3,000 00 |
| Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce | 2,413 90 |
| | $19,413 90 |

HUGH MURRAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE,

HAMILTON, 13th July, 189'.

We hereby certify that the above named debentures and bonds are in the custody of this bank for safe keeping on account of Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer, and that the balance at the credit of the said Hugh Murray, as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, on the books of this bank at the close of business at this date is two thousand four hundred and thirteen dollars and ninety cents ($2,413.90).

WM. ROBERTS, *Manager.*
S. G. READ, JR., *Accountant.*

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| Bonds and Debentures | $17,000 00 |
| Cash | 2,413 90 |
| | $19,413 90 |

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved,** That the annual statement of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and report thereon at the present Convocation.

M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee, which on motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

A letter was read from M.E. Comp. Robert Hendry, Jr., P.G.Z., regretting his inability to be present at this Convocation, and he at the same time expressed the wish that we might have a profitable and pleasant meeting, and extending his kind regards to the M.E. Grand Z, and Companions of Grand Chapter.

Official letters were received and read from the M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, announcing the death of M. E. Comp. W. B. Hillman, P.G. High Priest, who died 11th July, 1892.

From the Grand Chapter of West Virginia with the sad news of the death of our Representative E. Comp. Frank Johnston, on 21st March, 1891, at his home in Wheeling, and approving of the appointment of E. Comp. Stephen W. Poe, of Grafton, West Virginia, as our representative near that Grand Chapter.

From the Grand Chapter of Washington Territory, with the information that E. Comp. Andrew McCully, of Walla Walla, died 15th Sept., 1891.

From the Grand Chapter of Maine, with the mournful intelligence that the Grand Secretary, Ira Berry, had departed this life the 20th Sept., 1891.

From the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, expressing their deepest sympathy with the Grand Chapter in the loss sustained by the death of the Grand Treasurer R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell.

From the Grand Chapter of Florida, extending to this Grand Chapter their sorrowful sympathy in the loss we had suffered by the death of R. Ex. Comp. D. McLellan, and the E. Grand Secretary speaks in feeling terms of our late Companion, he having had a personal acquaintance with our brother.

M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, R. E. Comp. D. Taylor and A. E. Cooper, presented their credentials from the Grand Chapters of Georgia, West Virginia, and South Dakota, respectively, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept, and the M. Ex. and R. Ex-Comps. were greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged.

The Grand Scribe E. then read a report from Ex-Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont, when it was moved by R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the Report read from our Grand Representative near the M.E. the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont be received and printed in full in our proceedings, and that the thanks of our M.E. Grand Chapter are due and hereby tendered to Ex-Comp. Charles W. Whitcomb, for his kindness in giving this Grand Chapter his report, and that it be printed in our proceedings following the report of the G and Superintendents of Districts.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows:

## AUDIT AND FINANCE.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books of Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, to the 30th June, 1892, and find them correct. The receipts and disbursements are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand | $ 2462 52 | |
| Certificates | 640 00 | |
| Dues | 707 50 | |
| Fees | 301 05 | |
| Dispensations | 151 10 | |
| Warrants | 10 00 | |
| Constitutions | 53 45 | |
| Ceremonies | 146 67 | |
| Interest of Western Canada Loan Co | 213 75 | |
| " Toronto General Trust | 225 00 | |
| " Bank deposits | 35 91 | |
| " Landed Banking & Loan Co | 456 25 | |
| | | $5406 15 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|---|---|
| Royal Insurance Co | $ 4 50 | |
| Foreign Correspondence | 50 00 | |
| Incidentals, Grand Scribe E. | 25 00 | |
| Printing | 196 75 | |
| Engrossing Warrants | 16 00 | |
| Certificates | 15 00 | |
| Landed Banking & Loan Co., Inv. | 1500 00 | |
| Salary Grand Treasurer | 50 00 | |
| " " Scribe E. | 700 00 | |
| Benevolent Committee | 435 00 | |
| | 2992 25 | |
| Balance | 2413 90 | |
| | | $ 5406 15 |

ASSETS.

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| Debentures Western Canada Loan & Saving Co., 5 per cent | $4500 00 |
| " Landed Banking & Loan Co. " " | 8000 00 |
| " " " " 4½ " | 1500 00 |
| Bond Toronto Trusts Co | 3000 00 |
| Balance | 2413 90 |
| | $19413 90 |

LIABILITIES.

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|---|---|
| A. McPherson, Supplies | $ 29 25 |
| Royal Insurance Co. | 4 50 |
| Foreign Correspondence ... | 50 00 |
| Expenses Grand Z. for two years | 75 00 |
| Advance for Incidentals, Grand Scribe E. | £0 00 |
| | $208 75 |

In accordance with resolution of Grand Chapter last year, the Grand Z., Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E., have invested the sum of $1,500 with the Landed Banking & Loan Co., at 4½ per cent. interest.

Your Committee suggest that the account of Hunter, Rose & Co. for printing proceedings of Grand Chapter, 1891, amounting to $176, be not now paid, but that the President of the Board and Grand Scribe E., be instructed to adjust the account, and when adjusted, an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount of said account.

Your Committee further recommend that a grant of $75.00 be made Ex. Comp. W. E. Brown, of Hamilton, for services rendered the Grand Chapter during the illness of the late Grand Scribe E., R. E. Comp. D. McLellan.

A. SHAW,
*Chairman.*

## BENEVOLENCE.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada on Benevolent grants beg leave to report.

That we have examined the applications sent in by the Subordinate Chapters, and would recommend that the following grants be made, viz.:

| Name of Grantee. | Amt | No | Through Whom Payable. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Widow of S. H. Blondheim | $ 30 | 1 | First Principal Anc. Front. and Cat. No. 1. |
| " John Monroe | 10 | 2 | " " " " |
| Children of Josh G. Burns | 30 | 3 | " King Solomon, No 8. |
| Widow of Wm. A. Piggott | 20 | 4 | " Pentalpha, No. 28. |
| Comp. Archibald Couper | 50 | 5 | " McCallum, No. 29. |
| Widow of Samuel Waltho | 30 | 6 | " " " |
| Orphans of Malcolm McPhail | 40 | 7 | " Huron, No. 30. |
| Widow of Robert Ramsay | 30 | 8 | " Signet, No. 34. |
| " W. B. Wallace | 50 | 9 | " Victoria, No. 37. |
| " John Vaux | 20 | 10 | " Wellington, No. 47. |
| " F. Bartlett | 20 | 11 | " Mount Sinai, No. 44. |
| Comp. John Monro | 40 | 12 | " Havelock, No. 63. |

Your Committee find that all the Chapters making applications have made their returns to Grand Chapter.

Your Committee recommend that in order to render this department of the work efficient, rules must be adopted and adhered to, for by this means we shall be enabled to know that those who are the recipients of our favors are worthy. The suggestion is therefore made that proper forms be printed for applications, and that these contain a form for a resolution of the Chapter recommending the application.

There is no indication, excepting in one case, that the applications have been endorsed by the Chapter recommending. In some cases, no information has been given the Committee, and enquiry leads to the be-

lief that those recommending had no information at hand when the application was sent forward.

Your Committee find that in only five cases out of nine, when aid has been received, has local relief been given by the Chapters. It does not seem unreasonable to require that as our Chapters are not called upon to aid applicants with their funds, as in Grand Lodge, that they should contribute a small amount at least to those whom they consider deserving. This is a rule adopted by Grand Lodge, and your Committee can see no good reason why it should not be adopted by Grand Chapter, and so recommend.

Your Committee also recommend that an account be opened, which shall contain a history of each case, with a statement of the amount received by applicants from local Chapters, and also the amount given by Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. Ross Robertson,
*Chairman.*

It was moved by R.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R.E. Comp. Otto Klotz, and

**Resolved,** That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

## CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

Your Committee has read and examined the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the St. Clair, London, Wilson, Wellington, Hamilton, Huron, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central, Manitoba and Australian Districts of this Grand Chapter.

All these reports are entertaining summaries, and, while a few are not overweighted with information, all of them give us a fair conception of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry, and indicate that, if the interest in this department of the work is not as marked as it might be, on the whole we are making a headway that is recognizable, which under careful guidance will not only strengthen our hands but enable us to keep in the middle of the stream, away from the shoals and rocks on which so many fraternal organizations have been shattered.

The reports this year are nearly all excellent pieces of work and have evidently been written with the view of informing Grand Chapter of actual conditions.

The report from the St. Clair District is rather lacking in detail. The reaper does not burden us with the golden grains of fact. The Grand Superintendent is hopeful and looks for brighter prospects, but the result of observation would be more satisfying.

The report from the London District enters fully into the merits of the work, and fairly admits that while five of the Chapters are doing fairly well, that on the whole the conditions are unsatisfactory. His writing shows that in earnestness he is not lacking, and that if he has not been able to accomplish much he has been up and doing all the year.

The report from the Wilson District is a commendable and serviceable review, laden with facts rather than comments. It shows that the outlook is excellent and gives a faithful epitome of the condition.

The report from the Wellington District is a well-penned and readable digest. The Superintendent considers, and rightly, that if the

conditions do not justify, we cannot do otherwise than express his regrets. His energy and watchfulness have apparently not availed in reviving enthusiasm in some of the Chapters. With these exceptions the prospects are favorable.

The report from Hamilton District is not freighted with freshly garnered facts, but is gratifying, showing that the Chapters are doing well and that another Chapter has been added to the roll.

The report from Huron District is comprehensive and evidently a fair statement of the work.

The report from the Toronto District is a well-prepared review of the work. It is to be regretted that illness interfered with the efforts of the Superintendent. Where he did not visit, he obtained reports. In some parts of the district the conditions are unfavorable—in others the reports are vague and indefinite. He does not summarize his views as to condition. His energy is undoubted, and if properly seconded by the Chapters, would be most fruitful. His suggestions are not only advisable but imperative.

The report from the Ontario District is a candid opinion of the position of the work. It deals with matters with a frankness which shows that the Superintendent is not marching in the mist. His views as to the difficulty of securing quorums and the issue of dispensations to elect officers, who have not served in subordinate offices, is worthy of thought.

The report from Prince Edward District, while very readable, does not cover much detail. Brevity, while it is a verbal virtue, is one that need not be exercised on all occasions. While some Chapters are progressing, others are not keeping up with the general advancement. The improvement does not seem to be as marked as last year.

The report from the Central District is not radiant with signs of progress. It does not deal freely with details, but gives a general view, and rather a frank one, as to the standing of the Chapters. The opinions expressed commend themselves to your Committee. Some of the Chapters are weak, others are strong, and amalgamation would certainly be beneficial in this district.

The report from Manitoba is an encouraging one. The Chapters, with one exception, seem to be doing fairly well, especially in Winnipeg. There is no city where Companions are more enthusiastic in the cause than in the capital of the Prairie Province. Another new Chapter has been organized and promises to give additional stimulus to the work.

The Australian mail brings us a report of the work done by the Chapters on our register in the land beyond the seas. While one of the three Chapters is dormant, two are doing fairly well One of them seems to be working in harmony with an English Mark Lodge, and, without any desire to dampen the ardor of our Australian craftsmen, your Committee cannot see exactly how our Canadian register can carry a degree conferred in a foreign Chapter.

Looking at all the reports with a view of arriving at a conclusion that will not be misleading—the indications are that the large proportion of the Chapters are prosperous and that those in a dormant or dead condition have been so for years. These latter should be dealt with promptly, either by amalgamation or by a withdrawal of their warrants.

### THE EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

The western districts seem to lead in the way of work, especially in the Wilson, Wellington, Hamilton and Manitoba Districts. There is

a good deal of force in the comment of the Grand Superintendent of the Central District, when he points out that the esoteric work is difficult and not readily acquired. In another district we find that memorization is a secondary consideration. Some years ago the work was revised and officers were aided in their efforts to exemplify their parts. While this step has been partially effective, there are yet flaws that might be remedied, indeed it might be wise not only to simplify sections of the work, but also to deal with the question as to whether the P.M's. degree should be continued in the list of those conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter, that if continued it might be materially abbreviated. The same suggestion will apply to all the other degrees. It requires more than ordinary labor to render the work accurately. Past experience has shown that with the many and varied duties of every day life it is impossible to find Companions who have the time at their disposal to perfect themselves in the work. Your Committee would recommend that the M. E. the Grand Z. appoint a Committee to deal with the matter on the lines suggested.

### THE MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE.

The reports generally show that in prosperous Chapters the meetings are regular, but that the attendance is small, averaging about twenty-five per cent. of those on the roll. This showing does not impress one. In the Wilson, Hamilton, Toronto and Manitoba Districts we find the highest average attendance. It seems to be a difficult matter to secure a large attendance at Chapter meetings. It would appear that Companions being affiliated with other organizations can only give a part of their time to the Royal Arch. In these days men belong, as a general rule, to many societies, and naturally feel that they cannot yield up all their time to the work of Masonry.

### THE BUSINESS SIDE.

The reports confirm the opinion expressed years ago that the books of the Chapters are kept in a business-like manner, that the assets of each one are of value and are properly insured, except in the case of Doric Chapter, Newmarket. The arrearages of dues are small, and yet we find one case in Wilson District where a Companion has been twelve years in arrears, and another three and a half years. The circumstances must be peculiar where a Companion is in arrears for twelve years. It looks like a case where remission of dues would be advisable. The liabilities of all the Chapters are very much reduced, and do not exceed four per cent. of the assets. The suggestion of former years with regard to cash being deposited in a bank to the credit of the Treasurer of the Chapter, and not in the personal name of the Treasurer, is being adopted in all the Chapters, with one or two exceptions.

### CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTIONS.

In the Wellington, Prince Edward and Toronto Districts, Chapters of Instruction have been held. Three were held in the Toronto District. No better way can be adopted of imparting instruction. If a permanent Chapter of Instruction were called for a certain date, every three months, at a few central points in the jurisdiction, it would naturally improve all attending in the exemplification of the work.

### CHAPTERS THAT ARE WEAK.

There are about twelve Chapters that should be dealt with either by amalgamation or withdrawal. In the Wellington District, Elora, No.

49, and Waterloo, No. 32, Galt. In these cases, no meetings have been held during three years. No attention has been paid by the S. E. to repeated requests of the Grand Superintendent, while in the case of Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, although some work has been done, the S.E. neglected to reply to letters sent by the Grand Superintendent.

In the Central District, Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, and Maitland Chapter, No. 68, are both practically dormant. For years, efforts have been made by Grand Superintendents and energetic Companions to revive the Chapter at Pembroke, but all efforts are unavailing. In the case of Pembroke, amalgamation with Granite, No. 61, Almonte, might be advisable, while in the case of Maitland, undoubtedly it should amalgamate with one of the Brockville Chapters. There is no field for a Chapter at Maitland. It is but a half-dozen miles from Brockville, and all the members of Maitland Lodge desiring advancement can readily journey to Brockville.

In the Manitoba District, Golden Rule Chapter has not met for some years. Every effort should be made to revive it. The Companions at Rat Portage should be communicated with, and if, after a reasonable time, it does not reorganize, the warrant should be withdrawn.

In the London District, Bruce, No. 53, Petrolia, is reported as in a dormant condition. No interest is taken by the Companions. Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill, is down in the depths, and the Companions want the dues owing Grand Chapter remitted, a prospect which cannot be entertained. Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy; Seymour, No. 38, Bradford, and Spry Chapter, No. 92, Alliston, have not met for years. Last year, Grand Chapter ordered that all these be summoned to show cause why their warrants should not be withdrawn. The Beaver, No. 74, should amalgamate with a London Chapter, and Seymour, No. 38, and Spry, No. 92, should amalgamate with Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie. Your Committee would fraternally point out to Grand Chapter that the warrants of these Chapters, which have been dormant for about five years, should be withdrawn. Let there be at the close of Grand Chapter an enquiry as to the exact state of these Chapters, and every possible effort made to reorganize any or all of them, and if this fail, insist upon amalgamation, or withdraw the warrants, and drop them from our rolls.

### NEW CHAPTERS.

It is pleasant to know that a new Chapter has been opened at Oakville, in the Hamilton District, and another at Winnipeg, in the Manitoba District. In the former place, as being the seat of a prosperous lodge, the Chapter should do good work. In the latter, success is assured by the fact that it is in the hands of Manitoba Craftsmen.

### THOSE WHO HAVE GONE.

Death has not dealt kindly with us in the year gone out, for the shadows have deepened around the homes of two, at least, whose faces were familiar. David McLellan and Edward Mitchell were both Right Excellent Companions, who a year ago sat and counselled with us in our annual communication, the former as Grand Scribe E., the latter as Grand Treasurer. Both were skilled in Capitular work—no two had so many friends. A few months ago, when the snows were falling, they said farewell, and passed away to take their places with the sheeted dead. Five hundred Craftsmen, with the members of this Committee, stood around their graves, and as clod after clod of clay fell on the coffin lid, we bowed our heads and murmured a farewell.

Within a month of this writing, our venerated friend and Companion, R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, was called away. His earnest work in the Craft, his untiring energy in all of which he had the care, was characteristic of one who was a good man and a true Craftsman. Another valued Companion, our late P.G.Z., S. B. Harman, died a few months ago, amid the regrets of all who knew so well his work and worth.

Others too are gone. The scattered gravestones in the hallowed acres of the busy city and quiet hamlet mark the resting-place of Companions, whose loss we deeply mourn, and around whose memories cluster the tender thoughts of loved ones, who see the vacant chair, and hear the footsteps of little ones left behind.

JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON,
*Chairman Sub-Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R.E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved,** That the report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

## GRAND Z's ADDRESS

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M.E. Grand Z., beg leave to report as follows :

The removal by death of the distinguished Companions mentioned in the address is the cause of profound sorrow to the members of Grand Chapter. These Companions have been so intimately associated with us in the work of Capitular Masonry that we can hardly realize as yet that we are deprived of their valuable services. They were all highly esteemed and beloved, and their memories will be forever cherished by those who were privileged to enjoy their acquaintance. It is respectfully recommended that memorial pages be set apart in our proceedings upon which their names should be suitably inscribed. Your Committee approve of the appointments made by the M.E. the Grand Z., to fill the vacancies in the offices of Grand Chapter caused by death, and would also recommend that the sanction of the Grand Chapter should be given to the various appointments of Grand Representatives which have been made during the year. The interchange of Representatives with other Grand Chapters, doubtless tends to the preservation of harmony, and to draw us closer together in that bond of union which should ever be present among the members of our fraternal association.

Your Committee is glad to notice that the M. E. Grand Z. is well pleased at the result of his official visits. This most important method of ascertaining the condition of the Chapters should on no account be neglected, and a visit from the chief officer of the Grand Chapter will always be hailed with delight by the Companions in any part of the jurisdiction.

The establishment of new Chapters where necessary, is an evidence of improvement in the condition of the Grand Chapter, and your Committee are satisfied that in the organization of the Chapters at Oakville and Winnipeg the discretion of your executive officers has been wisely exercised.

The formation of a Grand Chapter in our sister colony of Victoria, is doubtless a step in the direction of local self-government, a principal in which the Grand Chapter of Canada has always been in hearty sympathy. We have, however, three subordinate Chapters in that colony

holding warrants from this Grand Chapter, and in the absence of information from them as to what their position would be with reference to the new Grand Chapter, your Committee are of opinion that any further action in this matter be deferred until the next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The improved condition of the finances of the Grand Chapter is a matter for congratulation, and it is to be hoped that the progress of the Grand Chapter in this important direction will be continued. The supervision of the by-laws of the subordinate Chapters is one of the most important duties of the M.E. the Grand Z., and your Committee are pleased to concur in the remarks made as to a model code. It would be well that a Committee should be appointed to prepare a code of model by-laws to be sent to the respective Chapters as a guide for their legislation.

The suggestions made by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. as to the improvement of the Chapters in the rural districts are well worthy of serious consideration. Your Committee can see no harm in lessening the number of Companions required to be present to open a Chapter, nor is there any vital necessity for the present limitations on the choice of the Companions for the offices of the Chapter. In both these respects it is submitted that an alteration in our present constitution would be an improvement, and would tend to enable the subordinate Chapters to carry on their work more efficiently and with more freedom than is possible at present.

The question of ritual is also a most important one, and as this matter is almost solely in the hands of the M.Ex. the Grand Z., your Committee would be glad to notice some practical suggestions which would render the work more easy of rendition by the officers of the subordinate Chapters

In conclusion your Committee desire to place upon record their hearty appreciation of the faithful services which have been rendered to the Grand Chapter by Most Ex. Companion J. J. Mason, during the past two years, and to express their fervent hope that his life may long be spared to assist our order with his wise and prudent counsel.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HY. ROBERTSON,
*Chairman Sub-Committee.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. E. Comp. H. Robertson, and

**Resolved**, That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be received and adopted.

## WARRANTS.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that we have examined the applications of a number of Companions residing at Calgary, N.W.T., asking for a dispensation to open a new Chapter, to be named Alberta, and the papers connected therewith, but the Grand Superintendent takes a strict view of Article 62 of the Constitution as amended, and he calls attention to the fact that the recommendation required by that Article from the nearest Chapter has not been complied with. From the fact that it bears the recommendation of Prince Rupert's Chapter, No. 62, Winnipeg, though Keystone Chapter, Portage La Prairie is somewhat nearer, and Calgary being some eight hundred miles from either

of these places. Your Committee is of opinion that though the letter of Article No. 62 is not complied with, the spirit of it is, and that the evil intended to be prevented by said Article 62 does not exist in this case. They therefore recommend that a dispensation be issued to the Companions at Calgary.

White Oak Chapter, U.D., Oakville.—Your Committee have examined the Minute Book, application and papers of this Chapter, and recommend that a warrant be granted.

Signet Chapter, U.D., Winnipeg.—In this instance, the application and other papers are in proper form, but the Minute Book has not yet reached your Committee. R. E. Comp. Bell, of Winnipeg, states that he has personal knowledge that it was sent to the Grand Scribe E. at Toronto, and that it will be forthcoming in due time. We therefore recommend that a warrant be granted to this Chapter as soon as the Minute Book is received and found in Order.

Citizens' Chapter, Melbourne, Australia.—An application has been made by the requisite number of Companions asking for a dispensation to open a Chapter at Melbourne, Australia, to be named "Citizens." As there is no recommendation from the Grand Superintendent, and none from the nearest Chapter, your Committee recommend that the petition be not granted.

M. Walsh,
*Chairman Com.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, and

**Resolved,** That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The result of the election was as follows.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Stratford, - - Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Toronto, re-elected, - Grand H.
R. E. Comp. M. Walsh, Ingersoll. - - - Grand J.

The Grand Chapter was then called on for the space of fifteen minutes.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Grand H.
R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, Grand J.
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The following Companions were nominated by the representatives from the respective districts and approved by the M. E. Grand Z.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

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| E. Comp. Robt. M. Stuart, Chatham, | St. Clair | Dis. | No. | 1. |
| E. Comp. N. W. Ford, St. Thomas, | London | " | " | 2. |
| E. Comp. J. D. Christie, Simcoe, | Wilson | " | " | 3. |
| E. Comp. J. C. Fox, Orangeville, | Wellington | " | " | 4. |
| V. E. Comp. John Moodie, | Hamilton | " | " | 5. |
| E. Comp. C. A. Humber, Goderich, | Huron | " | " | 6. |
| E. Comp. J. G. Rosseau, Niagara, | Niagara | " | " | 7. |
| E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, Toronto, | Toronto | " | " | 8. |

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| V. E. Comp. R. A. Morrow, Peterboro', | Ontario | Dis. | No. | 9. |
| E. Comp. J. Aylesworth, Tamworth, | Prince Edward | " | " | 10. |
| E. Comp. James Reynolds, Brockville, | Central | " | " | 11. |
| V. E. Comp. D. Bole, Sault St. Marie, | Algoma | " | " | 12. |
| E. Comp. Thos. Robinson, Winnipeg, | Manitoba | " | " | 13. |
| R. E. Comp. J. D'A. Drew, re-el., Melbourne, | Australia | " | " | 14. |

The election of officers was then resumed with the following results

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| M. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, Toronto, | Grand Scribe E. |
| R. E. Comp. W. G. Bell, Winnipeg, | Grand Scribe N. |
| E. Comp. R. J. Craig, Cobourg, | Grand Prin. Soj. |
| R. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, | Grand Treasurer. |
| E. Comp. B. Allen, Toronto, | Grand Registrar. |
| Comp. John Sweetnam, Ottawa, | Grand Janitor. |

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R. E. Comp. D. H Martyn, Kincardine.
R. E. Comp. David Taylor, Ottawa, re-elected.
R. E Comp. William Gibson, Beamsville, re-elected.
R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Cooper, London.
R. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, Kingston.

The M. E. Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. John E. Harding was then pleased to appoint the following Companions as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :

E. Comp. James Sutherland, Woodstock.
R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, Barrie.
R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Reid, Hamilton, re-appointed.
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett, Toronto.
R. E. Comp. P. W. D. Broderick, London.

The following named Companions compose the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee for the following term :

R. E Comp. John S. Dewar, London, retires in 1895.
M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Barrie, retires in 1893.
R. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, retires in 1894.

M.E. Comp. J. J. Mason, P.G.Z., assisted by M.E. Comps. R. B. Hungerford and H. Robertson, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers, who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic ceremony.

At a subsequent date the M.E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

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| V. E. Comp. | S. J. Sanford, Barrie, | - | Grand 1st Asst. Soj. |
| " " | Robt. Oliver, Toronto, | - | " 2nd " |
| " " | A. O. Jeffrey, London, | - | " Sword Bearer. |
| " " | R. W. Hull, Eglington, | - | " M. of Veils. |

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| V. E. Comp. | F. L. Newman, Portage l' Prairie, | Grand Stand. | Bearer. |
| " " | E. W. Case, Picton, - - | " | Dir. of Cer. |
| " " | A. E. Ahrens, Stratford, - | " | Organist. |
| " " | Wm. Webster, Belleville, - | " | Pursuivant. |
| " " | W. Riddle, Toronto, - | " | Steward. |
| " " | G. Middleditch, Ridgetown, | " | " |
| " " | L. C. Congdon, Dunnville, - | " | " |
| " " | W. L. Blair, Ottawa, - | " | " |

The M.E. Grand Z. directed that each Companion elected or appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

MOTIONS.

Moved by R.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R.E. Comp. J. S. Dewar, and

**Resolved,** That, as the several amounts for benevolence granted by this Grand Chapter are intended to amplify grants that have already been made by the Subordinate Chapters requesting the grant, the Benevolent Committee are therefore instructed to consider in each case where benevolence is requested, whether or not a grant has been made by the Subordinate Chapter, or by individual members.

Moved by R.E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R.E. Comp. Hugh Murray, and

**Resolved,** That a Committee be appointed to procure and present to M.E. Comp. J. J. Mason, P.G.Z., a suitable testimonial for services rendered during the last two years. COMMITTEE: M.E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford (Chairman); R.Ex. Comps. Hugh Murray, J. Ross Robertson, M. Walsh and J. M. Gibson.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion for next Annual Convocation were given, viz.:

By M.Ex. Comp. D. Spry.

That at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter I will move that a new district be formed, to be named the Georgian District, No. , to consist of the following Chapters:

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| No. 27, Manitou - - - | Collingwood. |
| No. 34, Signet - - - | Barrie. |
| No. 38, Seymour - - - | Pradford. |
| No. 56, Georgian - - - | Owen Sound. |
| No. 86, Macpherson - - - | Meaford. |
| No. 92, Spry - - - | Alliston. |
| No. 103, St. John's - - | North Bay. |

By R.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson.

That clause 29, page 19, of the Grand Chapter Constitution be amended by striking out the words, "without notice being given at a previous Grand Chapter," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "unless notice thereof has been sent in writing to the Grand Scribe E. previous to the 31st of December preceding the Convocation of Grand Chapter."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and

**Resolved,** That the cordial vote of thanks of this Grand Chapter is due and hereby tendered to the Companions of London Chapters for their kindly attention, and fraternal and hospitable reception of the officers and representatives of Grand Chapter during their stay in the city of London, as well as for the very satisfactory arrangements made for the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being ended it was closed in **Ample Form** at 2 p.m.

*Wm. Sargant*

GRAND SCRIBE E.

LONDON, 22nd July, A.I. 2422, A.D. 1892.

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS ON 31st MAY, 1892, AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 30th JUNE, 1893.

| No | Name of Chapter. | Where Held. | Regular Meeting | First Principal Z. | Scribe E. | Admis'n | Joinings | Resto'ns | With'als | Suspe'ns | Expul's. | Deaths. | M'ber's. | Last Return. | Ledger Bal. Dr | Ledger Bal. Cr. | Paid Grand Chapter. |
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| 1 | An. Front & Catar'i | Kingston | Third Wednes'y. | James Adams | J. S. Skinner | .. | 1 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 89 | May92 | 24 80 | ..... | ..... |
| 2 | The Hiram | Hamilton | First Monday | Alex. Smith | Geo. E. Mason | 14 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 178 | " | ..... | 3 00 | 82 00 |
| 3 | St. John's | London | Fourth Wed | John Simpson | John Siddons | 8 | .. | 1 | 1 | 3 | .. | 2 | 77 | " | ..... | ..... | 33 40 |
| 4 | St. And. & St. John. | Toronto | Third Friday | C A. Matthews. | Jos. Tomlinson | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 5 | 94 | " | ..... | ..... | 29 00 |
| 5 | St. George | London | Th rd Tuesday | P W D Broderick | Chas. C. Reed | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | 74 | " | ..... | ..... | 29 80 |
| 6 | St. John's | Hamilton | Second Thurs | R. A. Hutchison | W.A. McAllister. | 16 | 1 | 2 | 4 | .. | .. | 6 | 231 | " | ..... | ..... | 105 00 |
| 7 | Moira | Belleville | First Tuesday | Wm. Webster | T. J. Spofford | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 92 | " | ..... | ..... | 69 00 |
| 8 | King Solomon | Toronto | First Wed | Wm. Anderson | John Roberts | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | ... | .. | 1 | 147 | " | ..... | 2 20 | 60 90 |
| 15 | Wawanosh | Sarnia | Second Friday | R. S. Oliver | C. Mole | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 43 | " | ..... | ..... | 23 60 |
| 16 | Carleton | Ottawa | Third Friday | J. S. Salmon | W.G.S. Reynolds | 3 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 75 | " | 40 | ..... | 35 00 |
| 18 | Oxford | Woodstock | Third Monday | A R K Macdonald | A. T. Rice | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 33 | " | ..... | ..... | 7 60 |
| 19 | Mount Moriah | St. Catharines | F. on or b. f. m. | Geo. Burch | A. R. Swayze | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 63 | " | 2 80 | ..... | 19 60 |
| 20 | Mouni Horeb | Brantford | First Wed | S. F. Passmore | J. J. Birchard | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52 | " | ..... | ..... | 22 00 |
| 22 | Grenville | Prescott | Second Tuesday | C. C. Brouse | J. Francis | 4 | .. | ... | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 43 | " | ..... | ..... | 18 60 |
| 23 | Ezra | Simcoe | Thur. after f. m. | W. S. Wood | W. P. Kelley | 6 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 36 | " | ..... | ..... | 40 50 |
| 24 | Tecumseh | Stratford | First Tuesday | F. W. Gearing | J. Baker | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 39 | " | ..... | ..... | 25 70 |
| 26 | St. Mark's | Trenton | First Wed | Geo. Collins | G. W. Ostrom | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 | " | 30 | ..... | 33 70 |
| 27 | Manitou | Collingwood | First Friday | John Nettleton | F. F. Telfer | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 31 | " | 20 | ..... | 26 40 |
| 28 | Pentalpha | Oshawa | Second Friday | Francis Rae | L K. Murton | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 25 | " | ..... | ..... | 19 40 |
| 29 | McCallum | Dunnville | Friday o.o.a.f.m. | John Taylor | Wm. H. Braund. | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 42 | " | 9 40 | ..... | ..... |
| 30 | Huron | Goderich | Third Tuesday | Isaac F. Toms | W. A. Rhymas | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 44 | " | ..... | ..... | 8 80 |
| 31 | Prince Edward | Picton | M. on or a. f.m. | C. A. Morden | Amos H. Baker | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 59 | " | ..... | ..... | 13 80 |
| 32 | Waterloo | Galt | Second Monday | T. McGivern | John Shupe | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 | May90 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 34 | Signet | Barrie | Second Tuesday | R. J. Fraser | F. Marr | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 50 | May92 | ..... | ..... | 16 00 |
| 35 | Keystone | Whitby | Third Friday | Arthur M. Ross | Jos. King | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 | " | ..... | ..... | 18 40 |
| 36 | Corinthian | Peterboro' | Third Tuesday | R. E. Woods | T. E. Bradburn | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 48 | " | ..... | 1 00 | 13 60 |
| 37 | Victoria | Port Hope | Second Thurs | W. J. Robertson | R. C. Smith | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | " | ..... | ..... | 14 00 |
| 38 | Seymour | Bradford | Friday after f.m. | ..... | H. S. Broughton | 1 | .. | .. | 13 | .. | 2 | 16 | " | 6 26 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 40 | Guelph | Guelph | Second Friday | Wm. Watson | Hugh Macdonald | 8 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 2 | 70 | " | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16 90 |
| 41 | Harris | Ingersoll | Second Friday | W. A. Woolson | Jas. P. Boles | 1 | ... | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | 38 | " | ..... | ..... | 10 60 |
| 44 | Mount Sinai | Napanee | Wednesday a f m | R. H. Longmore | R S Henry | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 48 | Mar90 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 45 | Excelsior | Colborne | First Thursday | ..... | G. E. R. Wilson | .. | .. | ... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28 | " | ..... | ..... | 8 00 |
| 46 | St. James | St. Mary's | Second Wed | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | Jan 73 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 47 | Wellington | Chatham | Second Thurs | T. C. Macnabb | Jas. Birch | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 34 | May92 | ..... | ..... | 11 80 |

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| 48 | St. John's | Cobourg | Fri. o. or b. f. m. | A. R. Hargraft | R. J. Craig | 1 | .. | ... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | " | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | Elora | Elora | Wed. after f. m. | L. E. Wissler | W. Gay | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | .. | 24 | May90 | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | Prince Rupert | Winnipeg | First Thursday | Jas. T. Black | J. Malcolm Suttie | 26 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | .. | 1 | 163 | May92 | | | 30 | | 120 | 2 | 0 | | |
| 53 | Bruce | Petrolia | First Thursday | H. Mann | H. Kittridge | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 33 | " | | | 20 | | 25 | 20 | | | |
| 54 | Palestine | St. Thomas | Second Thurs'd'y | John R. Martin | W. E. Idsardi | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 87 | " | | | | | | | 40 | | |
| 55 | Niagara | Niagara | Thursday a. f. m. | W. A. Thompson | C. C. Milloy | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 20 | " | | | | | 13 | 00 | | | |
| 56 | Georgian | Owen Sound | Third Tuseday | D. Morrison | Jas. Douglas | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 | " | 1 | 00 | | | 7 | 00 | | | |
| 57 | King Hiram | Pt. Colborne | First Thursday | J. C. Jordon | E. B. McRae | ... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 | May91 | | | | | | | | | |
| 58 | Pembroke | Pembroke | Second Monday | S. E Mitchell | P. D. Gordon | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17 | " | 3 | 20 | | | 6 | 4 | | | |
| 59 | Sussex | Brockville | Fri. o. or b. f. m. | T. Wilkinson | Jonathan Greene | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 43 | May92 | | | | | 2 | 16 | | | |
| 60 | Doric | Newmarket | First Wednesday | P. T. Lee | Eli Denne | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 28 | " | | | | | 27 | 0 | | | |
| 61 | Granite | Almonte | Second Monday | Ralph Hill | J. McN. Munro | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28 | May91 | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| 62 | York | Eglington | 1st Th. after f. m. | G. H Brown | F. Brooke | 3 | .. | ... | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 45 | May92 | | | | | 34 | | | | |
| 63 | Havelock | Kincardine | Third Thursday | R. D. Hall | J. C. Cooke | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 43 | " | | | | | 22 | | | | |
| 64 | Willson | Welland | Last Wednesday | C. Swayze | J. H. Burger | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 40 | " | | | | | | | | | |
| 65 | St. Paul's | Toronto | Second Wed | G. F. Shepley | R. C. Donald | 4 | 1 | .. | 3 | 2 | .. | 1 | 86 | " | | | 2 | 40 | 30 | 40 | | | |
| 66 | The Malloch | Clinton | Friday b. f. m. | W. G. Scott | F. F. Neelon | .. | ... | ... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 | May91 | 7 | 00 | | | 5 | 4 | | | |
| 67 | Enterprise | Harriston | First Friday | Alex. Irvine | Alex. Michie | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 | May90 | | | | | | | | | |
| 68 | Maitland | North Augusta | Third Thursday | A. T. Dunn | J. Chapman | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | .. | 22 | " | 4 | 40 | | | | | | | |
| 69 | Grimsby | Grimsby | 1st W. J.S.N. J.M | Wm. Gibson | Robt Thompson | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 27 | May91 | | | | | 5 | 80 | | | |
| 71 | Prince of Wales | Amherstburg | Monday af. f. m. | George Gott | R. Elliott | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | " | | | | | | | | | |
| 73 | Erie | Ridgetown | Monday af. f. m. | Geo. Middleditch | A. Long | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | ... | 26 | May92 | | | | | 5 | 20 | | | |
| 74 | Beaver | Strathroy | Second Tuesday | | | | | | | | | | 36 | Jan 83 | | | | | | | | | |
| 75 | St. Clair | Milton | Second Wed | J. O. Fraser | E. Dixon | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 20 | May92 | | 40 | | | 12 | 25 | | | |
| 76 | Mount Nebo | Niagara Falls | Fri. on or b. f. m. | Jas. McGarry, M.D | Geo. Hyett | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 29 | " | | | | | 69 | 80 | | | |
| 77 | Occident | Toronto | Second Monday | R. Charlton | Geo. Addy | 4 | .. | ... | 1 | . | .. | 1 | 76 | " | | | | | 25 | 00 | | | |
| 78 | Minnewawa | Park Hill | Third Monday | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | May85 | | | | | | | | | |
| 79 | Orient | Toronto | Fourth Thursd'y | Percy Hill | John Young | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 59 | May92 | | | | | 36 | 60 | | | |
| 80 | Ark | Windsor | Second Monday | D. L. Carley | Donald Grant | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 45 | " | | | | | 12 | 00 | | | |
| 81 | Aylmer | Aylmer | Fri. o. or a. f. m. | S. Richardson | W. McG. Logan | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50 | " | | | 50 | | 22 | 50 | | | |
| 82 | Shuniah | Pt. Arthur | Fri. o. or a. f. m. | Jas. A. Fraser | M. L. Garland | 1 | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | ... | 45 | May91 | | | | | 1 | 00 | | | |
| 83 | Ionic | Orangeville | Fri. on or a. f. m. | J. C. Brown | Geo. Irvine | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 44 | May92 | 20 | | | | 24 | 80 | | | |
| 84 | Lebanon | Wingham | First Wednesday | E. C. Dickenson | H. W. C. Meyers | . | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 | May91 | | | | | | | | | |
| 85 | Exeter | Exeter | First Tuesday | M. Eacrett | G. A. K. McLeod | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 21 | May92 | | | | | 9 | 60 | | | |
| 86 | Macpherson | Meaford | Second Thurs'd'y | Jas. Sparling | John T. Matther | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 24 | " | | | | | 4 | 80 | | | |
| 88 | Macnabb | Dresden | First Thursday | J. W. Sharpe | Jas. H. McVean | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | 19 | " | | | | | 3 | 80 | | | |
| 90 | Golden | Rat Portage | Third Tuesday | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31 | May90 | | | | | | | | | |
| 91 | Antiquity | Toronto | Second Tuesday | F. M. Morson | J. J. Hoidge | 7 | 1 | .. | 2 | 2 | ... | .. | 59 | May92 | 19 | 30 | | | 17 | 00 | | | |
| 92 | Spry | Alliston | Fri. on or b. f. m. | | J. E. Sutherland | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | " | | | | | 2 | 00 | | | |
| 93 | Metropolitan | Melbourne | Second Monday | D. Meadowcroft | F. Meadowcroft | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | May89 | | | | | | | | | |
| 94 | Midland | Lindsay | Third Thursday | W. J. Hallett | G. S. Patrick | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 32 | May92 | | | 40 | | 8 | 80 | | | |
| 95 | Tuscan | Brampton | Second Monday | W. H. McFadden | Jas. Armstrong | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 48 | " | | | | | 10 | 60 | | | |

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AS ON 31st MAY, 1892, AND LEDGER BALANCES TO 30th JUNE, 1892.

| No | Name of Chapter | Where Held. | Regular Meeting | First Principal Z. | Scribe E. | Admis'n | Joinings | Restor's | Withd'ls | Suspn's | Expul's | Deaths | Memb'rs | Last Returns | Ledger Bal's Dr. | Ledger Bal's Cr. | Paid Grand Chapter |
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| 96 | Australian Kilwi'g.. | Melbourne..... | 3 Monday ... .. | J. Robertson.... | F. M. Brady.... | 15 | .. | .. | 12 | .. | .. | .. | 24 | " | ..... | ..... | $30 22 |
| 97 | City of Melbourne... | " ..... | 4 Monday ..... | York Bramwell.. | G. H. Elliott.... | 37 | 4 | .. | 13 | .. | .. | 2 | 48 | " | ..... | ..... | 136 27 |
| 98 | Vancouver ..... | Vancouver, B.C. | Second Wednes. | A. W. Sillitoe.... | Geo. Rawding... | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 | " | ..... | ..... | 22 50 |
| 99 | Key Stone ..... | Portage l' Prairie | First Wednesday | J. L. Newman.. | P. Whimster.... | 5 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 47 | " | 32 40 | ..... | ..... |
| 100 | St. Lawrence..... | Brockville..... | First Monday... | T. A. Stayner... | B. J. Saunders.. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 | " | ..... | ..... | 22 80 |
| 101 | Corinthian ..... | Boissevain ..... | 1 Wed. a. f. m. | J. D. Rains..... | L. F. Cutter.... | 2 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 1 | 22 | " | ..... | ..... | 6 40 |
| 102 | Algonquin..... | Sault Ste. Marie | Second Friday .. | M. J. Haney.... | T. H. Elliott.... | 19 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 | " | ..... | ..... | 46 90 |
| 103 | St. John..... | North Bay..... | First Saturday.. | Henry Dallery.. | W. T. Plummer. | 13 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 24 | " | 17 80 | ..... | 21 00 |
| U.D | White Oak..... | Oakville ..... | 2 Tuesday a.f.m. | W. A. Ferrah... | W. O. Joyce.... | 18 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31 | " | ..... | ..... | 46 00 |
| U.D | Signet ..... | Winnipeg..... | Fourth Wednes. | Jas. A. Carley.. | O. S. Collins.... | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52 | " | ..... | ..... | 84 40 |
| | | | | | | 337 | 21 | 9 | 84 | 54 | | 51 | 4032 | | | | 1930 04 |



## RECAPITULATION.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Chapters on roll | 86 | Number of Suspensions on the rolls | 54 |
| " " Represented | 77 | " Deaths " | 51 |
| " Registrations reported | 337 | " Expulsions " | .... |
| " Joinings " | 21 | Total Number of Members on the Roll of Grand Chapter | 4032 |
| " Restorations " | 9 | Total Amount of Receipts 1890-91 | $2943 63 |
| " Withdrawals " | 84 | | |

SUSPENSIONS—NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 3—W R. Dunn, Wm. Gerry, J. H. McKay. 22—John Satchell, John Ormston, 24—Cyrus Hasking, Phineas Cornell, N. J. Lorrimer. 38—Andrew Thompson, S. P. Coldwell, Hugh McGibery, R. H. Wilson, D. E. Sutherland, Angus Fraser, Robert Walls, Wm J. Dickson, Alva Griffis, Wm. Bingham, J. K. Stevenson, Alex. Clunis, G. Bannerman. 40—J. B. Moore, F. B. Skinner, J. Ritchie, T. R. Gates. 52—M. Moses, W. H. Nash, A. E. Porter, H. A. Ritchie, M. F. Hawkins, John Williams, F. Seroons, A. E. J. Percival. 53—Jno. Davidson, R. A. Hunter, E. Diader. 59—Thos. Kearns, V. H. Moore, James Norris, Thomas Brady. 65—J. G. Robinson, C. Greville Harston. 73—G. A. Barnard, Colin Laxton. 79—R. H. Reed J. E. Schiller, Charles Hay, W. J Poulton, J. M. Mallory, C. E. Petter. 85—W. H. Ross, Richard Reynolds, E. J. Robinson. 91—H. D. Murray, Dugald Taylor.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 1—Wm. D. Reid. 3—Thomas Flier. 6—Wm. Pearson, S. S. Malcolmson. '52—Jas. A. Carsley. 60—Geo. Wright. 71—J. Tieman. 79—John McLatchis. 85—W. H. Burk

## AT REST.

| No. Chap. | Name. | Date. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rich. P. Cook | 15th Feb.....1892 |
| 1 | Samuel Angrove | 13th Feb.....1892 |
| 2 | B. S. Rosenthal | 20th June.....1891 |
| 2 | E. L. Cutten | 27th Dec.....1891 |
| 2 | John Webb | 25th Feb.....1892 |
| 3 | G. H. G. Hawthorn. | 30th Jan.....1892 |
| 3 | Thomas G. Lowe | 27th May.....1892 |
| 4 | James R. Foster | 15th June.....1891 |
| 4 | John Sinclair | 8th July.....1891 |
| 4 | Christopher Burrell | 1st Feb.....1892 |
| 4 | John Leys | 29th Jan.....1892 |
| 4 | S. B. Harman | 26th March.....1892 |
| 5 | Thomas Brock | 6th Jan.....1892 |
| 5 | W. R. Vining | 6th Jan.....1892 |
| 5 | Dr. J. M. Smith | 7th Feb.....1892 |
| 6 | J. F. H. Gunn | 10th Sept.....1891 |
| 6 | C. A. Thomas | 22nd Sept.....1891 |
| 6 | E. Mitchell | 21st Feb.....1892 |
| 6 | J. E. Sinclair | 16th Dec.....1891 |
| 6 | David McLellan | 16th March.....1892 |
| 6 | J. G. Sinclair | 6th March.....1892 |
| 8 | D. McLellan | 16th March.....1892 |
| 15 | Thomas Donald | |
| 28 | John Boyd | 31st Jan.....1892 |
| 29 | A. Bronnom | 20th Feb.....1892 |
| 30 | W. J. Harris | 21st April.....1892 |
| 31 | Thomas Faughnan | 24th May.....1891 |
| 36 | W Patterson | 6th Jan.....1892 |
| 36 | George Pratt | .....1891 |
| 38 | Gibson Cook | .....1891 |
| 38 | S. C. Saunders | |
| 40 | F. J. Chadwick | 19th June.....1891 |
| 40 | J. Worsfold | 12th Oct.....1891 |
| 52 | George Morton | 27th Dec.....1891 |
| 54 | Wm. Scott | 10 h Nov.....1891 |
| 54 | E. B. Garrer | 13th Dec.....1891 |
| 54 | John Penwardin | 14th Jan.....1892 |
| 55 | R. Radcliff | 10th April.....1891 |
| 55 | Robert Shearer | 1st June.....1891 |
| 64 | J. M. Dunn | 20th Oct.....1890 |
| 65 | D. E. Eastwood | 5th Jan.....1892 |
| 69 | Wm. Scott | 15th Nov.....1891 |
| 69 | E. Mitchell | 21st Feb.....1892 |
| 75 | John Lyen | 24th March.....1892 |
| 77 | John McEachren | 3rd Nov.....1891 |
| 80 | Daniel McLean | 13th Nov.....1891 |
| 97 | George Littere | 10th Aug.....1891 |
| 97 | H. C. Bowser | 18th July.....1891 |
| 101 | George Morton | 27th Dec.....1891 |
| 103 | R. G. Kennedy | 7th April.....1892 |

# In Memoriam.

**DAVID McLELLAN, 33°,**

*R. E. Grand Scribe E.*

**DIED**

*16th March, 1892.*

Servant of God, well done !
Thy glorious warfare's past ;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.

# In Memoriam.

**EDWARD MITCHELL, 33°,**

*R. E. Grand Treasurer.*

**DIED**

*21st February, 1892.*

"Go to thy quiet resting
Poor tenement of clay;
From all thy pain and weakness
I gladly haste away.
But still in faith confiding
To find thee yet again;
All glorious and immortal
Good-bye till then."

# In Memoriam.

**SAMUEL BICKERTON HARMAN, 18°,**

*Past Grand Z.*

**DIED**

*26th March, 1892.*

While we grieve, the seraph Hope
Whispers in words of love,—
Companions only part on earth
To meet again in Heaven.

# In Memoriam.

**OTTO KLOTZ,**

*Chairman Benevolence Committee.*

**DIED**

*6th July, 1892.*

Friend after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end.

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| " 35 | Keystone ..... Whitby | " 48 | St. John's ..... Cobourg |
| " 36 | Corinthian ..... Peterboro' | " 94 | Midland ..... Lindsay |
| " 37 | Victoria ..... Port Hope | | |

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# APPENDIX.

# 1892.

# Grand Chapter of Canada.

## REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

### HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their *twenty-fifth* annual report.

Twenty-five years ago there were 30 Chapters on the registry of the Grand Chapter of Canada, now there are 84. A quarter of a century is a long time to look forward to, but a short time after it has passed. We would like to believe that we have been in some measure successful in the instruction and entertainment of our companions during all these years. One thing is certain, we have striven to do our best, and we are deeply grateful for the generous appreciation which we have from time to time received from the Grand Chapter.

There are now but two reporters, besides the writer, who were engaged in this work for their respective Grand Chapters twenty-five years ago, and who are still occupying the same position. They are Companions Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, and P. J. Pillans, of Alabama. Comp. Drummond commenced in 1865, and Comp. Pillans in 1867. May their shadows never grow less.

Among the leading lights in the fraternity of correspondents in 1868, and who have passed away from our ken, were Companions Thomas J. Corson, of New Jersey, Geo. Frank Gouley, of Missouri, Horace Chase, of New Hampshire, William Storer, of Connecticut, and E. T. Carr, of Kansas, all of whom won name and fame by their excellent reports.

Among the subjects which were discussed in our first report, we find the following: The extent of physical disqualifications; the anomalous position of the Past Master's degree; the effect of an objection to the admission of a candidate after a clear ballot; what are the ancient landmarks; the employment of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch degree; the question of dual membership; and the effect of the restoration of a suspended or expelled companion by a Grand Body. Some of these matters are still being debated, and doubtless will continue to be argued about for some time to come.

Another matter then causing some trouble was the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which was declared irregular by the then General Grand High Priest, Comp. John L Lewis, of New York. Comp. Noble D. Larner, who was the then Grand Secretary of the new Grand Chapter at its formation, subsequently himself became General Grand High Priest, nearly twenty years afterwards.

The proceedings which we have perused this year show that capitular masonry in general is in a highly prosperous condition, and harmony

prevails almost everywhere. The jurisdictions will be reviewed in the usual alphabetical order, and a list of them given at the end of the report.

## ALABAMA.

65th Convention, Montgomery, November 30th, 1891.

James T. Beck, G.H.P.

Chapter Masonry in Alabama is to some extent reviving, but it is not altogether what it should be, and Comp. Beck suggests that the time of holding their annual Convocations should be changed, so they could meet at different places. At present they meet in the same week and at the same place as the Grand Lodge, and their work is hurriedly done. Comp. Beck thinks that meeting at different places would revive the interest in the Subordinate Chapters. One new Chapter was formed and a dormant Chapter was revived.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, the new Grand Chapters of South Dakota, North Dakota, Indian Territory, Arizona and Montana, were received into fellowship, and representatives are to be exchanged.

The Committee on Work reported separately on all the degrees.

In the report of the Committee on the Address, we find the following :—

"1. We have carefully examined the Address of the Grand High Priest, and while the Status of Capitular Masonry in Alabama is not such as we would like to have it, yet the quite considerable number of Exaltations in the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction is proof that the Mysteries of the Secret Vault are still sought after in Alabama.

"2. We would most respectfully suggest that the too frequent use of the Dispensing Power—especially in the granting of dispensations to confer the Chapter Degrees in a shorter time than required by our laws, is of doubtful propriety, and ought not to be invoked by our Chapters, except for urgent reasons."

No action was taken on the suggestion of the Grand High Priest to change the place of meeting.

Comp. Palmer J. Pillans, who was appointed to codify and publish the laws and edicts of the Grand Chapter, performed his task with the utmost fidelity, and his work was accepted as satisfactory by the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Pillans is also the author of the Report on Correspondence. He believes that when a man is made a Mason, he is made a member of the lodge also. Our Proceedings of 1891 receive a good share of his attention. Comp. Pillans is one of the "veterans," and his reports are still as vigorous and capable as of yore. He was engaged in this work when we commenced in 1867, and we rejoice in his continued ability and devotion to the interests of the royal Craft.

Chapters, 39 ; members, 1060 ; increase, 84.

James Tate Beck (Camden), G.H.P.

Myles Jefferson Greene (Montgomery), G.S.

## ARIZONA.

2nd Convocation, Phœnix, November 11th, 1891.

Martin William Kales, G.H.P.

Their first year has ended as harmoniously as it began. A marked increase in membership shows that the "baby" is developing in a satisfactory manner. The Grand High Priest caused new charters to be issued to the Subordinate Chapters, and permitted them to retain their old charters.

The following were adopted as general regulations:—

"The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arizona shall be in all respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, the rules and regulations by which the action of the Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed." * * *

"Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a book of marks kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with." * * *

"When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark Master degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon, and upon reception of such report, if no cause for the objection be assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made."

Chapters, 5; members, 154; increase, 12.

George W. Cheyney (Tombstone), G.H.P.

George J. Roskruge (Tucson), G.S.

## ARKANSAS.

42nd Convocation, Little Rock, November 19th, 1891.

Charles N. Rix, G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest, with words of tender sympathy, mentions the death of Albert Pike, who was a Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas, and was initiated in Western Star Lodge, No. 2, at Little Rock, in July, 1850:—

"At the time of his death he was Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. and A. Scottish Rite, for the Southern Jurisdiction U.S.A., the Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, and the most eminent Mason in the Western Hemisphere, and probably of the world. He has contributed very largely to the learned literature of the Order and is the author of several unpublished manuscript volumes of profound Commentaries on Masonry.

"The name of Albert Pike a name that is synonymous of all that is great, good and enlightened, when linked with the grand principles of Freemasonry, will be spoken of with reverence and delight when age has succeeded age in the countless centuries to come.

"He lived to a good old age, loved, respected and admired as but few men have been or possibly ever will be again.

"All is well with him; the world is greatly benefited by his having lived.

"He is dead, but his labors will live
Imperishable, in immortal hue."

Comp. Rix attended the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, at Minneapolis, and was delighted with his trip, but still thinks that in practical efficiency the Grand Chapter of Arkansas is fully equal to the General Grand Chapter.

He allowed the use of one substitute in conferring the R. A. Degree, but not two. He opened one new Chapter. A majority of the Chapters have increased their membership, and all are in a reasonably prosperous condition. No appeals or grievances were presented.

The following memorial speaks for itself. It is an earnest protest against what we consider to be an arbitrary rule:—

"*Resolved*, By Van Buren Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, that the M. E. High Priest of this Chapter, Companion H. G. Haines, be, and is hereby requested to ask the M. E. Grand Chapter to reconsider its action at its last Grand Convocation, requiring that members of R. A. Chapters shall be affiliated members of some Masonic Blue Lodge.

"Inasmuch as the aforesaid Edict works a great hardship on some of our most faithful pioneer Masons, who have served Masonry faithfully for almost a half a century, they dimitted from the Blue Lodge because of the dues in the two being burdensome, and are compelled to dimit from the Chapter for the reason they cannot afford to affiliate with the Blue Lodge. We have such cases in our own Chapter, whom

we can ill afford to lose, and who give up Royal Arch Masonry not complainingly but sorrowfully, and whose absence from our future convocations we must submit to with regret."

The Grand Chapter, however, declined to rescind their action of the previous session.

The following were adopted :—

"*Resolved,* That the following recommendations of the M. E. Grand High Priest be adopted :

"*First,* The M. E. Grand High Priest be directed before installation to divide the State by counties into four districts, and assign one district to each of the principal officers, whose duty it shall be to visit officially each Chapter in the district at least once during the year.

"*Second,* The Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter is directed to send official notices of the suspension, expulsion or reinstatement of any of its members to the Council of Royal Select Masters and Commanderies of Knights Templar within whose jurisdiction each Chapter may be situated.

"*Resolved,* That a rejected candidate shall not again apply for the degrees in less than three months from the date of his rejection."

Comp. R. J. Laughlin Reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1891, receives a short notice.

Chapters, 58 ; members, 1,893 ; increase, 16.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G.H.P.

James A. Henry (Little Rock), G.S.

## CALIFORNIA.

37th Convocation, San Francisco, April 21st, 1891.

Franklin Henry Day, G.H.P.

He opened a new Chapter at Santa Ana. We quote his decisions :—

"*Question.* In the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, is it proper for a Past High Priest to open a Chapter for regular business ?

"*Answer.* It is not.

"*Question.* A member of a Chapter is sick. He dimitted from his Lodge, and has not contributed to any Lodge for two years. Is he in standing in the Chapter ? Can he claim assistance from the Chapter, and in case of his death can the Chapter bury him ?

"*Answer.* Having dimitted from his Lodge, and more than six months thereafter having elapsed without any attempt to affiliate with another, he is not a Master Mason in good standing in this jurisdiction ; and while remaining so, he is debarred from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

"*Question.* Can a Chapter receive the petition of a clergyman without fees ?

"*Answer.* No. (See Article XVII, Section 5, of Constitution.) Should the Chapter desire to present the reverend with the amount which the degrees cost, it can do so in the form of a donation after the degrees are conferred, but the application for degrees must, *in all cases,* be accompanied by the entire fee.

"*Question.* Can we take a note from a candidate for the fees ?

"*Answer.* No. A note is merely a *promise* to pay and does not comply with the requirements of the Constitution.

"*Question.* Is there any way a Chapter can provide a lunch, on conferring the Royal Arch degree, with funds from its treasury ?

"*Answer.* Should the members of a Chapter desire to indulge in a banquet after the Royal Arch degree has been conferred, to be paid for out of its funds, there is no constitutional objection to their so doing.

"*Question.* Does an applicant for Chapter degrees have to be a resident of the State one year when his petition is received, or will one year from the time it is acted on do ?

"*Answer.* The law requires the applicant to have resided within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he applies, during six months next preceding the date of his application, except by permission of the Chapter nearest his place of residence.

"*Question.* A Master Mason living a little nearer the town of S—— than of W——, wishes to join the Chapter at the latter place, as it is more convenient for him. Does he have to get the consent of the Chapter at S—— to waive jurisdiction ?

"*Answer.* Certainly. A Chapter has no right to receive an application for degrees from without its jurisdiction without the consent of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides."

The Grand High Priest visited a number of the Chapters, and found the companions willing to receive, and anxious to obtain, instruction from an authoritative source, evincing a strong desire to possess, and the ability to transmit, the correct work. The general condition of the Craft is harmonious and prosperous.

The new Grand Chapter of Arizona was recognized.

A proposal to procure jewels for all the Past Grand High Priests was indefinitely postponed.

We extend our sympathy for their losses by death, among which the name appears of Comp. Alexander Gordon Abell, whose reputation was co-extensive with the Masonic world. We copy the report of the Committee on his death :—

"Comp. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL was born in the City of New York, June 29, 1818, and died in the city and county of San Francisco, December 28, 1890. Your committee is not advised when he became a Mason, but he early came to this State, and at once took rank in our Order. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in California from 1855 until his death, being elected to that office for thirty-five consecutive years. In 1875 he became Deputy Grand High Priest of this body, and in 1876 became its Grand High Priest. He has also been Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

"No man in this State has been better known in our Order than Comp. Abell. His efficiency in office and his knowledge of the business and law of Masonry were unsurpassed. His brethren and his companions, by their continued confidence in his ability and faithfulness, have shown their full appreciation of his talents. He was warm in his attachments, and gathered about him devoted friends. His name is so connected with the history of our Order in this State that it will long endure in close remembrance."

The minimum fee for conferring the degrees as fixed by the Constitution was reduced from fifty dollars to thirty dollars.

In future, no member of the Grand Chapter can receive his mileage and per diem until the Convocation is closed.

The Grand Secretary Reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1890, receives kindly mention.

Chapters, 64 ; members, 4,736 ; increase, 103.

Milton Hicks Myrick (San Francisco), G.H.P.

Thomas Hubbard Caswell (San Francisco), G.S.

## COLORADO.

17th Convocation, Denver, September 17th, 1891.

Ceylon E. Odin, G.H.P.

Most of the Chapters are in a flourishing and prosperous condition. A new Chapter was formed at Akron.

A revised constitution was adopted.

The following resolutions were passed :—

"*Resolved*, That having received official notice of the organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Arizona and Montana, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado with joy, pleasure and fraternal greeting, welcomes them into fellowship, with sincere wishes for their future prosperity and success." * * *

"*Resolved*, That the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters present at our next annual a list of their members either printed or typewritten, certified to that the initials and names are correct."

Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster again Reports on Correspondence for the fourth time. Canada for 1891 receives a fair share of his attention. In his review of Delaware he quotes with approval some of our remarks on public appearances, but credits them to Comp. Young. On the use of the term "higher degrees," Comp. Foster properly says :—

"There is nothing higher than the Master Mason. Has not the Grand Master always authority over the Grand High Priest or Grand Commander, but the latter have not necessarily any authority over the Grand Master. The misnomer, higher degrees, we

think, does injury to the Masonic Craft, and often leads to a misconception in those who do not weigh and understand the beauties of Freemasonry."

Chapters, 26; members, 1,946; increase, 229.
William W. Roller (Salida), G.H.P.
Ed. C. Parmelee (Denver), G.S.

## CONNECTICUT.

94th Convocation, Hartford, May 10th, 1892.
Charles H. Chesebro, G.H.P.

On the subject of official visitations, the Grand High Priest has the following remarks:

"All the Chapters visited have shown the desire, and were making strenuous efforts to comply with the resolutions concerning Marks, and I am sure they have awakened an interest in Capitular Masonry that in some Chapters has long lain dormant. Here let me say a word in regard to the matter of visitations. I am of the opinion that the subordinate Chapters should be visited at least once a year by one of the Grand Officers. It has become the practice in this jurisdiction to visit only such Chapters as send formal invitations, and the reports of the Grand Officers often close by saying, 'the above are all the Chapters from whom I have received invitations.' Now I think this is all wrong, because the Chapters who do not solicit visitation are the ones who would derive the most benefit from it, if conducted in a judicious manner. The small, weak Chapter, visited, not in a spirit of criticism and fault-finding, but with words of encouragement and assistance, would take on new life and vigor, feeling that the parent still has a care and remembrance of the feeble and struggling child, and is desirous to help it in all possible ways. I trust this Grand Body will give this matter due consideration."

A donation of $100 was voted to Joseph K. Wheeler, as a slight testimonial for his services as Grand Secretary for 25 years.

Comp. John H. Barlow Reports on Correspondence for the fifteenth time. On the Cerneau Rite, he says:—

"As stated, our remarks were made from the standpoint of a York Mason, and were intended to have a general application, yet in Kentucky it may require a more severe mode of treatment. We should endeavor however to correct this like other failings, by advice, admonition, and reproof (not as is too often done in the reverse order). We have in Connecticut, bodies of one of the branches of the Cerneau rite, but our Grand Bodies (save the Grand Commandery,) have taken no notice of them, and we think they are not flourishing, for we hear less of them to-day than five years ago. We say most emphatically, protect the York Rite, and especially the Blue Lodge.

Chapters, 33; members, 4,930; increase, 191.
Henry H. Green (Danielsonville), G.H.P.
Joseph K. Wheeler (Hartford), G.S.

## DELAWARE.

24th Convocation, Wilmington, January 20th, 1892.
John L. Clark, G.H.P.

He reports the past year as being one of unusual prosperity, no less than 77 candidates having beeen exalted in the three Chapters. Hope Chapter at Georgetown was revived.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"That the Companions of the Subordinate Chapters be admitted to this Grand Chapter at all of its Convocations." * * *

"That the M. E. Grand High Priests of the several Subordinate Chapters be allowed to open and close the three first degrees in their respective chapters in a short way if they should so find it necessary." * * *

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, a Companion can only be suspended after due trial, and by a vote of a majority of the Companions present at a regular Convocation of the Chapter, duly summoned for that purpose; except he said Companion be suspended or expelled by his Lodge."

Comp. William B. Mole Reports on Correspondence. Our proceedings for 1891 are kindly noticed.

Chapters, 4; members, 450; increase, 64.
Francis L. Carpenter (Wilmington), G.H.P.
James H. Price (Wilmington), G.S.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

25th Convocation, Washington, Dec. 9th, 1891.

Alexander McKenzie, G.H.P.

The work accomplished during the year was the largest since their organization. The rendition of their beautiful and impressive ritual has been kept up to their usual high standard of proficiency. Prosperity abounds in all their Chapters.

The Grand High Priest decided that the resolution of the General Grand Chapter saying that "membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a lodge of Freemasons," is recommendatory only and not compulsory.

On the subject of a Masonic Home, Comp. McKenzie says:—

"From my intercourse with the brethren and Companions of this jurisdiction. I am fully satisfied that the desire to erect and maintain a Masonic Home for the aged widows and orphans of our brethren and Companions is received with more favor each year; the sentiment is becoming stronger, and the time is not far distant, I hope, when some practical steps will be taken to accomplish this much desired result. I would, therefore, earnestly commend to the favorable consideration of the Officers and Companions of our constituent Chapters that less money be expended on the occasions of our grand visitations, that the funds of your Chapters be carefully husbanded, and some part be set aside as a nucleus of a fund to which you may from time to time add something from your revenue during these times of great prosperity."

Comp. W. R. Singleton Reports on Correspondence in his usual able manner, and reviews our proceedings for 1891. In his notice of Maine, we find the following very interesting remarks on the Cryptic degrees:—

"In regard to the 'Super-Excellent' degree having been appended to the 'Cryptic System,' as stated by us in our report of 1890, we have this to say: When we were received in the Chapter at St. Louis in 1840, in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch, representing the destruction of the Temple, some of the language now used in the Super-Excellent was then employed in the R. A.; hence we now *infer* that the first section of that degree was a part of the Royal Arch, and that the second section of the Royal Arch originally, say 1794 to 1813, was the same as the last section of the Super-Excellent now is, and that the last section of the old R. A. was our present conclusion of that degree. Such is our idea of the original *Excellent-Super*-Excellent Royal-Arch degree, which was subsequently divided into our 1st, Most Excellent; 2d, Royal Arch; and 3d, Super-Excellent degrees. It is possible that in Europe, at one time, the 15th and 16th degrees of the A. A. S. R., as now worked, were incorporated in the system. This, of course, is only our conjecture, predicated upon the historical parts of these several degrees, viz.: 1st, the dedication of the Temple. 2d, its destruction and the captivity of the Jews; 3d, their condition in bondage; 4th, the return from captivity and the commencement of the rebuilding of the Temple; 5th, the cessation caused by interruptions of the enemies of the Jews; 6th, the journey of Zerubabel and his companions; 7th, reception by the Persian King; and 8th, his return to Jerusalem, are all succinctly developed in the several degrees, and *all* are necessary for that complete development. In all of these there is a sequence and a happy conclusion in the perfection of the mysteries as explained in the Royal Arch, *when* all the incidents relating thereto are fully developed in the Royal Master and Select of Twenty-seven. The last degree giving a history of the deposit in the why, when, and by whom.

"In the A. A. Rite of twenty-five degrees, with the appended degrees controlled by the Inspectors, when thoroughly understood, demonstrate to us the consecutive and graduated system philosophically arranged to teach certain higher mysteries. Webb availed himself of his knowledge of that Rite to improve the Capitular degrees for the benefit of the American Royal Arch Chapters. We feel assured that the Select degree was introduced for the first time to the Craft in Baltimore, by Philip Eckles, who took the ritual of an *appended* degree, belonging to the Lodge of Perfection, and which was controlled by all Inspectors, of which he was, no doubt, one. The old certificate given by Eckles to Jeremy L. Cross, authorizing him to confer that degree upon Royal Arch Masons by the consent of the various Chapters, now in Kane Lodge Library, and of which we have a photograph copy, has his signature with that of H. Niles. We have been enabled, through Comp. Shultz, of Baltimore, to prove Eckles' signature to be genuine, from several letters signed by Eckles about that time and now in our possession.

"It is well known that this degree of '*Select of 27*' could not be communicated in the Ancient and Accepted Rite to any one below the fourteenth degree, and as the

thirteenth degree was the 'Mason of the Royal Arch' to reveal the secrets of a 'Select Mason' to one not a R. A. Mason is the same as communicating the R. A. to a Fellow Craft before he becomes a Master Mason; and it appears to us that every intelligent Royal Arch Mason should closely comprehend the reason why none but R. A. Masons should have the Select degree, which we cannot here explain. So far as the Royal degree is concerned, so it is conferred prior to the Select and after the Third degree it does not matter—it may be before or after the R. A. How it was incorporated with the Select in the Council, and *when*, we have no knowledge. Perhaps Comp. Drummond in his researches may have found out about it. Our conjecture is, that when Cross started South and West on his tour as Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter, and took Eckles' certificate, *he* incorporated the Royal degree. We received our degrees of the Council in St. Louis in 1841, in a Council belonging to the Grand Council of Missouri, and we always understood that these Councils had been organized by Cross during his sojourn in the West. At that time (1840-41) there was no Grand Chapter in Missouri. In 1849, at Independence, Mo., our Chapter was authorized to work these degrees *after* the R. A."

Chapters, 9; members, 1851; increase, 260.
Thomas F. Gibbs (Washington), G.H.P.
Lewis G. Stephens (Washington), G.S.

## FLORIDA.

45th Convocation, Jacksonville, May 12th, 1891.
James W. Boyd, G.H.P.
On the state of the Order he says :—

"During the year just passed it is especially gratifying that throughout our fair State, peace, good-will and prosperity have reigned supreme; that no adversity nor pestilence has visited within our borders, save in a milder degree than in some of our sister jurisdictions the plague la grippe, for a season, but whose fetters have long since been loosed, and now good health prevails. It is also gratifying to note that our Royal Order is in a prospering condition; that whilst one Chapter, Eustis No. 10, has surrendered its charter, others which have been inactive have again resumed and joined the list of faithful workers. Whilst there have been some losses in some of the Chapters, owing to suspensions for non-payment of dues, yet the majority show a decided increase."

We quote the following to show their practice as to opening in the several degrees:

"The Council of Florida Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 having refused to open in the subordinate degrees to the Chapter and confer the degrees pertaining thereto, I am asked, 'Can't we open in the Preparatory Degrees and confer said degrees without opening in the Royal Arch?'

"I answered: After a Chapter has been closed no Lodge subordinate thereto can be opened with less than nine Royal Arch Masons, but a Chapter being regularly opened may, when necessary, call off to a designated period not beyond its next regular Convocation, when such subordinate lodges may be opened and degrees conferred, there being present in each degree the requisite number for that purpose who are also Royal Arch Masons."

On the same subject the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, thus changing the practice :—

"The decision of the Grand High Priest, in the matter of inquiries from Florida R. A. Chapter, seems to be in harmony with regulations 24 and 48, and are therefore approved, with the understanding that Chapters are not authorized to call off one regular Convocation until the next for the purpose of doing work in the lodges.

"Believing that the law as it stands is rather too rigid for practical utility with all the Chapters, we recommend that regulation 21 be amended by adding thereto the following words, to wit: *Provided*, that the High Priest may call meetings of the lodges respectively, to confer the lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums, Mark Master's Lodge, five; Past Master's Lodge, three; and Most Excellent Master's Lodge, two, and all of whom are not necessarily required to be Royal Arch Masons; and for such purpose, the Chapter, like a court of Chancery, is always open, and must always be expressly recognized in the records of meetings."

The Committee appointed to report a standard work were unable to make a selection, but are to do so before next meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. G. H. P. appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to take all necessary and proper steps to ascertain the *status* of Cryptic Masonry in

this jurisdiction; and report at the next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. * * *

"*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be contributed by this Grand Chapter to the erection of a Masonic Temple in Jacksonville, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay said sum to the Grand Lodge Building Committee for that purpose."

Funds are needed to erect a Masonic Temple, so the usual Report on Correspondence is omitted.

Chapters, 12; members, 418; increase, 18.

Thomas C. Wilmarth (Jacksonville), G.H.P.

Dewitt C. Dawkins (Jacksonville), G.S.

## GEORGIA.

69th Convocation, Atlanta, April 29th, 1891.

James W. Taylor, G.H.P.

Great improvement is manifest in the energy and application of the Craft generally throughout the jurisdiction. Six new Chapters were formed and five old ones revived.

The Committee on Finance recommended that all Chapter Masons who have been contributing members for the past twenty years and are 60 years of age and upward, shall be relieved from paying dues, and their report was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Wm. Abram Love, M.D., and notices Canada for 1890. In his review of Oregon we find the following:—

"But back of all this is one great trouble—there are too many *good fellows* boosted up, who, as workers, are *good-for-nothings*, mere *figure-heads* who never knew the work and could never appreciate its symbolic teachings—incompetents who many times not only make a farce of the whole thing, but murder the King's English in their efforts to display well *their ignorance*. Let the *good fellow go*. Put men of intelligence, zeal, ability into office, and continue to do so year by year—make proficiency a prerequisite to advancement, and stand square to the rule. The *ignoramuses* will either improve themselves or dwindle into a hopeless minority, when intelligence will conduct the work and guide and govern the Craft; interest will be awakened in the Order, and its influence by induction will bring others into the mystic circle who will add strength to the organization. To do this it will require time, patience and persistence, strengthened by fixed determination and concert of action."

Chapters, 57; members, 2,045; increase, 315.

James W. Taylor (Luthersville), G.H.P.

A. M. Wolihin (Macon), G.S.

## ILLINOIS.

42nd Convocation, Chicago, October 29th, 1891.

Edward C. Pace, G.H.P.

Comp. Pace issued a circular to the various Grand Jurisdictions, regarding the use of substitutes in conferring the R A. degree. He received 38 replies, and in 34 jurisdictions substitutes are permitted. All who use them express themselves as perfectly satisfied with the custom, and many wonder that there is occasion to make such enquiry.

One new Chapter was formed.

The new Grand Chapters of Arizona and Montana were recognized. and New South Wales was held over.

The system of electing all the officers of the Grand Chapter does not always produce the best results, and the Grand Chapter of Illinois found it necessary to amend their constitution and to provide for the appointment by the Grand High Priest of the three Grand Masters of Veils, the Grand Steward, and the Grand Tyler.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adverse to permitting the use of substitutes, was adopted by a vote of 236 to 171. In our

jurisdiction the use of substitutes has always been permitted, and we have never found any objection to it. We have never seen or heard of any candidate who thought he was in any way imposed upon by such substitution. The whole ceremony is symbolical, and the symbolism is just as well preserved whether the three sojourners are actual candidates or not. In small Chapters, the delay in waiting for a third candidate to make up a team must be a serious hindrance to their prosperity.

Comp. John M. Pearson Reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1891 receives a good notice. He says that their Grand Secretary's plan for publishing their proceedings "in sections" was not adopted.

On their practice with regard to the Past Master's Degree, he says :

"The ceremonies, obligations and duties of the Past Master's degree being identical in both cases, and given by proper authority in each case, there should be no difference whatever. The 'actual' Past Master is a Past Master. The 'virtual' Past Master is a Past Master. 'Things equal to the same are equal to each other.' *Q.E.D.* That settles it geometrically. And as geometry and Masonry are equal, the law of one should govern the other. *Q.E.D.* again. This was the rule fifty years ago in almost if not in every jurisdiction, viz: that a 'virtual' Past Master when elected to preside over a Lodge was regularly installed, and when an actual Past Master went into a Chapter the Past Master's degree was not conferred upon him."

Chapters, 176; members, 14,046; increase, 361.
Jacob Krohn (Freeport), G.H.P.
G. W. Barnard (Chicago), G.S.

## INDIANA.

46th Convocation, Indianapolis, Oct. 21st, 1891.
Jacob W. Smith, G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest mentions the death of Comp. Wm. Hacker, at the advanced age of 81. He has been the Chief Officer of all the Grand Bodies of Indiana, and they have sustained an irreparable loss.

More than the average amount of work has been done in the way of exaltations. All the Subordinate Chapters have made their returns and paid their dues.

The Grand Secretary says that it is unwise to tax the Subordinate Chapters for more money than is necessary to meet the expenses of the Grand Chapter, and leave a safe margin for contingencies, and in view of the handsome balance in hand ($5,000), he recommended a reduction in the dues. The Grand Chapter resolved to reduce the per capita from 40 cents to 30 cents.

The new Grand Chapters of Montana and Arizona were recognized.

Comp. Thomas B. Long Reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1891 receives due attention. On the subject of non-affiliation, he has the following remarks in his review of Illinois :—

"It is no unusual thing to find a Mason severely criticised for carrying a dimit for a considerable time before affiliating, and it is sometimes nearly regarded as a crime. The writer has seen such ominous looks when such a dimit was presented as to almost threaten rejection. It must be admitted that it is a fault, but there may often be reasons for it that only the non-affiliate knows. He is bearing an honorable discharge. He may become careless about re-enlisting, and defer the period unusually long, but when Masonic patriotism is again aroused, when the fervor again revives, when the old love comes back again, when the wanderer desires to return to his home, the arms of the brethren should be stretched forth in brotherly greeting, and the welcome should be earnest and cordial."

Chapters, 86; members, 5607; increase, 164.
Edward J. Church (La Porte), G.H.P.
William H. Smyth (Indianapolis), G.S.

## IOWA.

38th Convocation, Boone, Oct. 22nd, 1891.

George A. Quimby, G.H.P.

They have been abundantly prosperous during the past year. All the Chapters have paid up back dues. One new Chapter was formed.

The report of the Special Committee on cryptic Masonry recommended the reorganization of the Grand Council, and the surrendor of the cryptic degrees by the Grand Chapter, but the report was defeated by a vote of 58 to 192.

A new constitution and code of laws was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Masonic Home was adopted. It contains much food for reflection for those who contemplate schemes of that kind :—

"Your Committee on Masonic Home beg leave to submit the following report :

"We find that the Masons in several of our sister jurisdictions have either made some permanent provision for the relief of those indigent persons having fraternal claims upon them or have taken steps looking toward that end. Large sums have been raised, and buildings are now being erected in several states, while a few have homes built and are furnishing their wards the comforts of a home.

"In Kentucky this work is no longer an experiment, the home there having been open for inmates several years. This is a home and school for orphans of deceased Masons, where the inmates are given not only an elementary education, but are taught a trade, thus making them self-supporting when they leave the home.

"The Pennsylvania home is for indigent Master Masons over fifty years of age, and a fee varying from $100 to $250 is charged for admission. The expense of maintenance here is something over $200 a year for each inmate, of whom there are now twenty-six.

"The Missouri Masonic home, in St. Louis, was dedicated two years ago, and cost $40,000. The total assets amount to over $100,000, and the new home now has about twenty inmates.

"The Michigan home, situated at Grand Rapids, is not yet completed, and has now cost about $50,000.

"New York has laid the corner stone of a magnificent building at Utica, to cost $175,000, all of which is now paid in.

"Virginia has comfortable quarters at Richmond. Seven beneficiaries—all children of deceased Masons—are now sheltered there.

"In Nebraska an organization has been incorporated with an authorized capital stock of half a million. Liberal donations have already been made, but no steps have yet been taken toward building, as an investigation made by the Trustees revealed the fact that there were not half a dozen persons in that state who would be entitled to the privileges of such an institution, and who were in need of it.

"Illinois Masons have paid for a home in Chicago, costing $50,000, and now accommodating thirty-four beneficiaries.

"The principal sources from which the funds have been obtained in the states named have been donations from Grand and subordinate Masonic bodies, and from individual members ; from life memberships, from annual memberships, from a per capita tax, and from a collection on the Masonic festival days, June 24th and December 27th.

"The small number of inmates in the various institutions, so far as could be ascertained, seems to indicate that Masonry is not conducive to poverty. From what we can learn we are led to believe that Iowa, like our sister jurisdictions, has but few persons who would and could avail themselves of such a home, were one provided.

"While your committee recognize the fact that the charity which feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, and educates the orphan might well be of angelic origin, and that the charity which binds up the broken heart and alleviates the sorrows of the distressed in spirit is worthy of the divine mind of the Grand Artificer of the Universe, yet they do not believe that the time has come when it would be prudent for the Grand Chapter of Iowa to invest a large sum in a Masonic home.

"In our opinion such an investment would not be an economical business transaction. The same money carefully invested at a low rate of interest would yield a sufficient income to support all our wards at the best hotel in the state, and leave a fair surplus in the treasury each year.

"That charity is the best which helps the needy to help themselves and does not stultify their feeling of manly independence, and this we can render quite as well without a home as with one, and save more than half of our money.

"Such a home as our friends in New York are now building would be a matter of much pride to Iowa Masons ; but should we build such an institution, or one which would at all approach it in magnificence, we should 'pay too dear for the whistle.'

"We would therefore recommend that the project of building a Masonic home by this Grand Chapter be postponed until there is greater need of one in Iowa than there seems to be at present."

Resolutions were passed prohibiting "cerneau" Masons from Chapter membership.

Comp. T. R. Ercanbrack has an excellent Report on Correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1890 receive due attention.

Chapters, 111; members, 6,482; increase, 36.

William Wilbraham (Cresco), G.H P.

Alf. Wingate (Des Moines), G.S.

## KANSAS.

27th Convocation, Leavenworth, February 15th, 1892.

Matthew M. Miller, G.H.P.

On the state of the Craft, he says:—

"While possibly in the days of unusual financial prosperity more degrees may have been conferred, never before the Capitular year just closed has there been manifested such a general interest in the welfare of the Craft.

"Chapters whose returns for some years have manifested merely activity sufficient to indicate life, now show a considerable increase for the year, in the number of companions exalted, work done too, much of it before our bountiful harvests of golden and gold producing grain had begun to make their influence felt on the financial prospects of the State.

"Capitular RIP VAN WINKLES have shown up in various chapters, to be uproariously welcomed and then gravely introduced to old as well as new companions.

"The causes for this renewed life and interest are numerous, and different ones prevail in different chapters; one cause, however, which seems to rule generally, is traceable directly to our excellent system of instruction, under which there no longer exists any excuse for a plea of ignorance on the part of the officers of any chapter.

"Under its reviving influence officers of chapters, heretofore too often content with conferring a bare outline of the degrees, confer them in full, and not a few Royal Arch Masons exalted years ago have recently listened for the first time with rapt interest to full historic lectures delivered with realistic earnestness.

"If a carpenter is known by his chips, the attendance when degrees are to be conferred is likewise nearly always a true test of the ability, fervency and the zeal brought to their work by the officers of a Masonic body. One who says, 'My horse, my horse, my kingdom for a horse!' just as if he were scared to the verge of dissolution at the mere idea of mounting a horse, and has no kingdom or anything else to give for a horse if one is forthcoming, will be very apt to fight his battles on foot and at a great disadvantage—provided he remains to fight at all.

"The Companions of Kansas are in the saddle, most of them thoroughly armed with preparation for their work, some of them exhibiting unusual proficiency in conferring the degrees, and wherever excellence in work is shown there goes with it as a necessary corollary the fact that not only has plenty of work been done, but the chapters in question have plenty of new material to keep them busy for months to come."

Three new Chapters were formed. Montana was recognized and action was deferred as to New South Wales. The fees for special Dispensations, other than conferring degrees, were fixed at $2.00, and for conferring degrees out of time, $5.00.

The Grand Secretary has an excellent Report on Correspondence, but the late date of its receipt (June 20), forbids more than a passing notice. Our proceedings for 1891 receive due attention.

Chapters, 74; members, 4,539; increase, 364.

John C. Postlethwaite (Jewell City), G.H.P.

John H. Brown (Kansas City), G.S.

## KENTUCKY.

76th Convocation, Louisville, October 20th, 1891.

Joshua D. Powers, G.H.P.

On the death of Comp. Hiram Bassett, the Grand High Priest says:—

"Most excellent Hiram Bassett, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and General Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, died at his home in Millersburg, on the 6th of November, 1890, aged 69 years and 10 months.

"No Mason in Kentucky was better or more favorably known to the Royal craft than he. Whether as Grand Master, Grand High Priest, Grand Commander, Grand Secretary, or Chairman of Foreign Correspondence he was always the same delightful Companion, Brother and Sir Knight. Amiable and sweet tempered as a maiden, he was firm and fearless as a General, wise in Masonic lore, he was always deferential, kind and courteous, having great respect for the opinion of others he was firm in his own convictions."

Eight defunct Chapters were revived.

A conflict of opinion as to the legality of the adoption of a new constitution in 1890 was settled by declaring it legal by a vote of 110 to 44.

Arizona and Montana were recognized.

Comp. Joseph H. Branham, Grand Secretary since 1875, having become physically disqualified, he was made "Emeritus" Grand Secretary with a retiring allowance of $200 per annum.

Comp. James W. Staton Reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1891 has a fraternal notice.

Chapters, 76; members, 2,776; increase, 55.

Charles H. Fisk (Covington), G.H.P.

Henry B. Grant (Louisville), G.S.

## LOUISIANA.

45th Convocation, New Orleans, February 9th, 1892.

William T. Benedict, G.H.P.

The appointment of a Grand Lecturer has relieved the Grand High Priest in a great measure in his visitations to country Chapters, some of which are located so as not to be readily accessible. Their Venerable Grand Secretary, J. C. Bachelor, has removed to Washington. After the installation of Comp. Joseph P. Horner as General Grand High Priest, he resigned his positions of Chairman of the Jurisprudence and Foreign Correspondence Committees, which he had held for many years.

The Craft is doing reasonably well. Their growth has not been rapid, but steady and healthy.

Arizona and Montana were recognized and the following resolutions were adopted:—

"WHEREAS, It is expedient that the titles of the officers of this Grand Chapter and of its constituents should conform to those agreed upon by the General Grand Chapter, therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That Sec. 5 of the General Regulations be amended, substituting the word 'Sentinel' for 'Guard,' in the first and third lines thereof.

"*Resolved*, That the title of those who have attained the office of G.H.P. be M.E; those who have attained those of D.G.H.P.,G.K.,G.S.G. Secretary and G. Treasurer, be R.E., those who have held any other offices in Grand Chapter, or that of H.P., in a Constituent Chapter, that of E.

"*Resolved*, That the Masters of the Veils be so styled respectively and not as Grand Masters, and that the last and lowest officer of a chapter be designated as Sentinel and not as Guard."

"*Resolved*, That no limit be placed as to length of report of committee on Foreign Correspondence."

"*Resolved*, That the sum of $200 be appropriated to a Grand Lecturer, to be appointed by the M.E. Grand High Priest, he to be governed by the appointment of a Grand Lecturer by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master."

Chapters, 15; members, 674; increase, 58.

T. J. Heard (Bunkie), G.H.P.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G.S.

## MAINE.

65th Convocation, Portland, May 5th, 1891.

Charles I. Collamore, G.H.P.

On the condition of the Craft, he says :—

"The returns from our subordinate chapters show a very satisfactory general condition and a gratifying increase. There has been a larger number of exaltations, the largest for many years, and fewer losses from all causes.

"Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. It is true that while in most cases there is harmony, with activity in a few, I grieve to say the harmony seems to come from indifference and decay. Upon the whole the outlook for the future is very encouraging."

The new Grand Chapter of Arizona received greetings.

Canada for 1890 receives a good notice at the hands of Comp. J. H. Drummond, and numerous extracts are given from our proceedings. On public appearances, he says :—

"Then we presume that he is all the more opposed to attending public worship, &c., in Masonic clothing; to do which numerous dispensations are annually granted in his jurisdiction. There is one other thing to be said about 'Public Installations': they are opposed only by those *who have no practical knowledge of them* or their effect; we have never seen a word written against them (so far as we can remember) by any one familiar with them, or belonging to a jurisdiction in which they are practised; this is a significant fact."

*Experientia Docet*, of course, but we do not make any exception in our condemnation of unnecessary Masonic public appearances in favor of Divine worship. We do not or should not go to church for the purpose of making a show of ourselves, but that is exactly what happens when Masons go as a body clothed in the badges of the Order. It seems to us most incongruous that the reverential simplicity which should attend Divine worship should be marred by the attendance of any persons dressed up so as to attract attention to themselves and to distract the thoughts of those who come with a far different purpose and one more in harmony with the Divine teachings.

We copy Comp. Drummond's remarks on the system of Grand Representatives and also his table of statistics :—

"The recent charges in relation to Representatives near other Grand Chapters have increased the labor and expense to such an extent that some amendment of the system seems desirable.

"Formerly only permanent members of Grand Chapters were appointed, and the consequence was that one Companion held a large number of commissions; it often happened that a Companion was appointed and failed to attend the Convocations, and not infrequently the name of a Companion was borne on the roll of Representatives years after he had died.

"To remedy these evils, the range of appointment was broadened, and commissions were limited to three years. In many cases persons not members of a Grand Chapter have been appointed; it is quite inconsistent with the position, that a Companion should hold it who is not a member of the Grand Chapter to which he is accredited, and thus by *right* entitled to a seat in it, or else a member of the Grand Chapter which he represents, and thus by *courtesy* entitled to a seat in the other.

"The three years' limitation causes the issuing of nearly 2500 commissions every third year: and it is no mean expenditure of time, labor and expense of the Grand Secretary to prepare and issue *fifty* such commissions, to say nothing of the time and labor of the Grand High Priests in arranging for and making the appointments.

"We propose, for the consideration of our confrères, the following modifications of the present system: There must be a concerted movement or it will be of no avail.

"A Representative must be a Past High Priest and affiliated in one of the two jurisdictions concerned; in many jurisdictions Past High Priests are members of the Grand Chapter; in nearly all, they are at least allowed seats in the Grand Chapter and eligible to office therein; this would give a sufficiently wide range of appointment to avoid 'bunching' the commissions in a few hands.

"The appointment shall be during pleasure, but absence from an annual convocation, unexplained to the satisfaction of the appointing power, shall be deemed a resignation.

"The Grand Secretary should examine the Proceedings annually and report vacancies made by death, resignation, removal from the jurisdiction or other causes.

"If the same Companion is recording officer for all the four Grand Bodies in a State, he must issue more than fifty commissions annually on the average, if the 'three years' rule' prevails in all the cases.

"We believe that a change for the better is imperatively demanded."

## STATISTICS.

"We submit our usual Table. We have included in it the statistics in the Proceedings of Convocations held down to the first of June of the current calendar month.

"Comparing with our report of last year, the total membership is 165,193 as against 157,898; the exaltations, 12,251 against 11,532; the admissions and restorations 2,544 against 2,679; the dimissions, 3,386 against 3,169; expulsions, 60 against 75; suspensions of all kinds, 2,710 against 2,920; and deaths, 2,332 against 2,093.

TABLE.

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | Members. | Exaltations. | Admissions and Restorations. | Dimissions. | Expulsions. | Suspensions. | Sus. for Non-Pay't of Dues. | Deaths. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 776 | 55 | 21 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 11 |
| Arizona | 145 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Arkansas | 1,883 | 214 | 47 | 36 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 24 |
| California | 4,736 | 241 | 110 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 97 |
| Canada | 4,807 | 321 | 71 | 112 | 0 | ..... | *73 | 38 |
| Colorado | 1,716 | 161 | 53 | 41 | 0 | ..... | *21 | 23 |
| Connecticut | 4,739 | 232 | 16 | 25 | ..... | 3 | 37 | 63 |
| Delaware | 386 | 31 | 4 | 2 | 0 | ..... | *1 | 2 |
| District of Columbia | 1,591 | 113 | 31 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 34 | 24 |
| Florida | 418 | 44 | 15 | 19 | 0 | ..... | *12 | 10 |
| Georgia | 2,045 | 230 | 23 | 68 | 0 | ..... | *43 | 46 |
| Illinois | 13,274 | 806 | 173 | 279 | 3 | ..... | *201 | 152 |
| Indiana | 5,443 | 343 | 89 | 141 | 4 | 4 | 82 | 74 |
| Indian Territory | 184 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Iowa | 6,597 | 358 | 95 | 251 | 3 | ..... | *88 | 72 |
| Kansas | 4,175 | 346 | 82 | 134 | 2 | ..... | *46 | 37 |
| Kentucky | 2,490 | 16[illegible] | 85 | 65 | 3 | ..... | *65 | 61 |
| Louisiana | 625 | 36 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 16 |
| Maine | 4,969 | 408 | 28 | 57 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 62 |
| Maryland | 1,366 | 78 | 30 | 26 | 2 | ..... | *35 | 21 |
| Massachusetts | 11,198 | 732 | ..... | 134 | 0 | ..... | *100 | 146 |
| Michigan | 10,166 | 726 | 104 | 210 | 6 | 1 | 95 | 106 |
| Minnesota | 3,522 | 356 | 46 | 110 | ..... | 1 | 62 | 46 |
| Mississippi | 1,240 | 112 | 33 | 25 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 27 |
| Missouri | 5,562 | 488 | 126 | 142 | 0 | ..... | *167 | 65 |
| Montana | 567 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Nebraska | 2,519 | 172 | 70 | 77 | 2 | ..... | *29 | 18 |
| Nevada | 342 | 14 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 8 |
| New Brunswick | 395 | 27 | 3 | 5 | 0 | ..... | *11 | 7 |
| New Hampshire | 2,798 | 168 | 10 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 38 |
| New Jersey | 2,854 | 228 | 35 | 66 | 0 | 7 | 47 | 37 |
| New York | 16,145 | 1,241 | 263 | 235 | 2 | 1 | 466 | 265 |
| North Carolina | 584 | 33 | 8 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| North Dakota | 355 | 55 | 8 | 13 | 0 | ..... | *3 | 1 |
| Nova Scotia | 553 | 46 | 9 | 23 | 0 | ..... | *2 | 8 |
| Ohio | 11,278 | 693 | 288 | 206 | 25 | 3 | 275 | 171 |
| Oregon | 913 | 70 | 29 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 18 |
| Pennsylvania | 11,939 | 900 | 199 | 191 | ..... | ..... | *164 | 207 |
| Quebec | 433 | 19 | 3 | 10 | 0 | ..... | *[illegible] | 5 |
| Rhode Island | 2,106 | 177 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| South Carolina | 587 | 91 | 23 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| South Dakota | 1,200 | 136 | 21 | 27 | 1 | ..... | *18 | 6 |
| Tennessee | 2,202 | 205 | 41 | 64 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 38 |
| Texas | 4,580 | 509 | 108 | 204 | 2 | ..... | *[illegible]6 | 81 |
| Vermont | 2,249 | 92 | 10 | 13 | 0 | ..... | *25 | 53 |
| Virginia | 1,577 | 189 | 23 | 50 | 1 | 2 | 31 | 34 |
| Washington | 516 | 64 | 27 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| West Virginia | 806 | 82 | 15 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 8 |
| Wisconsin | 4,613 | 315 | 51 | 85 | 0 | ..... | *69 | 62 |
| | 165,193 | 12,251 | 2,544 | 3,386 | 60 | 36 | 2674 | 2337 |

*Including suspensions for U. M. C., and those stricken from the roll."

Chapters, 49 ; members, 4,969 ; increase, 278.
Charles I. Callamore (Bangor), G.H.P.
Stephen Berry (Portland), G.S.
We regret to learn that their Venerable Grand Secretary, Ira Berry, died since the close of Grand Chapter.

## MARYLAND.

94th Convocation, Baltimore, November 10th, 1891.
William H. Clark, G.H.P.
He visited all the 16 Chapters and found their attendance good, and their financial condition improved.
The new Grand Chapters of Arizona, Indian Territory and Montana were fully recognized.
The report of the committee on doings of Grand Officers was adopted. From it we extract as follows :—

"We note the active labors of visitation and inspection of all the Chapters in the State by the Grand High Priest during the year, and the pleasant report he submits of peace and prosperity throughout our borders.
"We deem the recommendation as to the visitations of the Grand Lecturer eminently wise and judicious. Hitherto the visits of the Grand Officers to the Subordinate Chapters have been rather formal and social, than as a matter of business, while the Grand Lecturer's have been for the purpose of schooling those officers who were desirous of becoming proficient in the work. In some other jurisdictions a plan prevails both in the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of appointing *District Deputy* Grand High Priests and Grand Masters for the duty of making official visits of inspection throughout the State. In our own Grand Lodge Grand Inspectors are appointed for this duty, but the limited number of Chapters outside of the City of Baltimore renders it entirely practicable for the Grand Lecturer to discharge the whole function of inspection without seriously interfering with his duty of disseminating the work.
"Noting the suggestion for a nominal compensation to the Grand Treasurer as a consideration to support the obligation of his official bond, your committee are of the opinion that the fact of the Grand Chapter being an unincorporated body renders the bond entirely safe from successful attack under any circumstances, and that it would not be worth while to attempt to reinforce it in the manner suggested. As the funds of the Grand Chapter are deposited in bank, subject to the joint order of the Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer, we do not think the bond is a matter of consequence, at least in the present state of the finances of the Grand Chapter.
"We abstain from recommending the adoption of the revisions of the ritual suggested by the General Grand Chapter, believing that it is much better to adhere to the work as we have practised it in Maryland for many years."

Comp. E. T. Schultz reports on Correspondence. Canada for 1891 receives a good notice, and numerous extracts are given from our report, with expressions of approval.
Chapters, 16 ; members, 1,501 ; increase, 54.
William H. Clark (Baltimore), G.H.P.
George L. McCahan (Baltimore), G.S.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

93rd Convocation, Boston, December 8th, 1891.
J. Albert Blake, G.H.P.
The death of their Grand Secretary, Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, following so quickly after that of Comp. John W. Dadmun, has deprived them of the services of two of their most eminent and respected members. Comp. Chapman was also a Past General Grand High Priest. His mind was a storehouse of Masonic lore, and his history of Royal Arch Masonry, which was only completed a very short time before his death, is a most interesting and valuable work.
On the state of the Order the Grand High Priest says :

"The reports of the District Deputies have been received and carefully noted These reports will appear in the printed Proceedings, but I will say here that it is a

great pleasure to note a year of general prosperity in the subordinate Chapters, and indicated by increased membership. The great cause of regret apparent from these reports is, that so many Companions exalted prior to adoption of the Particular Regulation of September 8, 1885, have not selected a mark. That the Deputies have faithfully performed their duty in calling the attention of the Companions to this neglect is sufficiently apparent. I think, however, that the remedy for this condition of indifference lies largely with the High Priests. I arrive at this conclusion from the fact that several of the smaller Chapters have every Companion's mark recorded, and upon investigation I find this desirable result has been accomplished almost entirely by the efforts of the High Priests in bringing their personal influence to bear upon the Companions.

"In Chapters of large and scattered membership, I am aware that it would be impossible for the High Priests to personally interview every Companion. I would suggest that the Companions be classified, and the High Priest delegate some interested Companion to assist him in this work; and I am sure that if this plan (or some other that may be more feasible) is adopted, the results will be highly gratifying.

"In this connection, I desire to call the earnest attention of the High Priests to the Particular Regulation of September 8, 1885, that there may be no violation of its requirements. It reads as follows: 'No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall exalt a candidate to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons until he shall have selected his mark.'"

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices our proceedings for 1891. On the question of the right to refuse a dimit, he says:

"Mere numbers can never give strength or stability to any institution. A member who regains his membership because he is forced to, is not likely to be of much use, and is quite as likely to do harm.

"As we have said in another place, we have a very small percentage of non-affiliates in this jurisdiction, and any member who desires can obtain a demit by asking for it, provided he is clear on the books, and no charges are preferred against him. Every man is a perfectly free agent, consequently he retains membership because of real interest in the body, and is an element of strength always."

Chapters, 72; members, 11,737; increase, 702.

J. Albert Blake (Haverhill), G.H.P.

Seranus Bowen (Boston), G.S.

## MICHIGAN.

43rd Convocation, Detroit, Jan. 19th, 1892.

Samuel C. Randall, G.H.P.

Among the decisions reported we find the following:—

"An officer of Sault Ste. Marie Chapter, No. 126, submitted the following questions:—

"1. Can Companions of Michigan sit in a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Canada while the degree is being conferred on five candidates at one and the same time?

"2. Can such Royal Arch Mason be admitted to visit a chapter in Michigan?

"Answer. 1. The General Grand Chapter of the United States and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State, being in relations of amity with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, it is proper for the Companions of this State to visit our Canadian Companions, and the Royal Craft of Canada have the right to confer the degrees as they see fit and proper, as that is a matter over which they have exclusive control.

"2. Article 3, section 40, of the constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, authorizes chapters in this jurisdiction to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy Companion from without this jurisdiction who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, free of charge; and, for conferring said degrees, said chapter shall be exempt from paying dues.

"Article 9, section 1, of the constitution of this Grand Chapter, provides: 'No one is to be admitted a member or visitor unless he shall have regularly taken the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, and not then except by unanimous consent of all members present,' and the General Grand Chapter, in giving construction to its constitution, declares that it is proper for a chapter to heal a Companion of a foreign chapter, and such healing does not confer membership in a dependent lodge, nor does it affiliate him with the Chapter."

New Chapters were formed at Manistique, and Marine City, and Crystal Falls.

Under the caption of "Reform in Chapter Work," Comp. Randall gives some good advice :—

"During the Masonic year just closed, 774 Master Masons in this jurisdiction have been exalted to the sublime degree of the Royal Arch ; all good work, square work, such as we are pleased to present for our part of the vast Masonic fabric of the universe.

"I have discovered but one flaw that, in my judgment, calls for attention and healing. It is that in our material we allow some of it to pass the overseers' stations without proper test and examination, before being promoted up the Masonic ladder, such as candidates offering it—each and all—have been obliged to sustain before being raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons.

"After mature deliberation and investigation, I was unable to discover any legal warrant for this looseness of discipline ; and on March 20th I requested the Grand Secretary to issue a circular letter to all the High Priests in this jurisdiction, calling their attention to the edicts of this Grand Body on the subject in question. I felt impelled to do this, because I could imagine no reason why the candidate for the Royal Arch should not be required to pass a proper examination in the lower degrees of the chapter, such as he had been obliged to sustain before being invested with the password and grip of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

"Is it not true that our interest in any work increases with our knowledge of it? Then the more important it is that each candidate should have a thorough knowledge of the preceding degree as a qualification for further advancement.

"Apprehensive that some of the High Priests of our subordinate chapters might not be aware of the strictness of these laws and edicts, and knowing that their non-observance was very general—apropos of this circular, I further requested the Grand Secretary to direct attention therein to the action of our Grand Chapter in 1867, to the unmasonic manner often indulged by members while conferring the Royal Arch degree.

"Some wise Companion has been cited as saying truly, in reference to the common practice, that, 'A brother should be exalted, not depressed, in his advancement to the Royal Arch.' In this connection, the General Grand High Priest, in his address at Minneapolis in July last, condemned the prevailing practice in very strong terms.

"I am pleased to report to you that this circular has borne good fruit ; that many chapters in Michigan are now working in compliance with the law ; the candidates being required to become posted in the lectures of each degree, before advancement."

In his report as Grand Secretary, Comp. Innes gives some interesting and valuable statistical comparisons :—

"From the returns your Grand Secretary finds that Peninsular Chapter, No. 16, of this Grand Jurisdiction, stands sixth in number as to the largest membership of subordinate chapters in the forty-one sister Grand Jurisdictions. It is the seventh in exaltations.

"Decatur Chapter, No. 75, of this jurisdiction, stands eleventh in number as to the smallest, having a membership of fifteen.

"Michigan stands nineteenth in date of organization.

"Fifth in amount of moneys received during the year.

"Fifth in amount of disbursements during the year.

"Third in financial strength.

"Fifth in membership.

"Fifth in number of exaltations.

"Michigan and Ohio stand together in number of expulsions, and exceed by sixty-four per cent. the entire expulsions in all jurisdictions.

"Fifth in suspensions.

"Fifth in deaths.

"Fourth in number of subordinate chapters, Illinois being the highest, having 198, and New York next with 185. Our number is nearly double (outside of half a dozen states) that of any other jurisdiction.

"The number of pages in the Report on Correspondence of this state for the year 1890, are very nearly double that of any other State in the union. The next highest number of pages (165) being that of New York.

"Whether your Grand Secretary is entitled to credit or condemnation for these lengthly reports, he leaves it to the Grand Chapter to say.

"The average number of members of each chapter in this jurisdiction is about eighty."

The new Grand Chapters of Arizona and Montana were recognized, but the new Grand Chapter of New South Wales has to furnish more information as to the regularity of its proceedings before receiving a similar favor.

In view of the fact that there was a handsome gain of nearly $1,000 during the past year in the funds of the Grand Chapter, an appropriation of $500 was made to the Masonic Home.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council be and are hereby empowered and directed to employ a Companion to visit the chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction for one year, under the direction of the Grand Council, the Companion to receive such compensation as the Grand Council shall approve, not to exceed $600, and correct and report the work to this Grand Chapter." * * *

"*Resolved*, That in calling the roll at the opening of the Grand Chapter, the name of any deceased member of this Grand Chapter shall be called, and that the Grand High Priest shall then call up the Grand Chapter and formally announce his death."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and gives Canada for 1891 a good notice.

Chapters, 123 ; members, 9,659 ; increase, 418.

John F. Barrows (Lawrence), G.H.P.

William P. Innes (Grand Rapids), G.S.

## MINNESOTA.

30th Convocation, St. Paul, Oct. 13th, 1891.

Alonzo Branderburg, G.H.P.

We copy his remarks on the issue of Special Dispensations, and also his decisions :—

"I have been asked by several Chapters to grant dispensations allowing them to receive, ballot upon, and, if elected, to confer the several degrees upon the candidates the same evening. In each and every instance I have refused to do so, for the reason, Companions, when a brother resides for years in the vicinity of a Chapter and does not feel a sufficient interest in or love for Masonry to apply for the degrees, and only becomes alive to its beauties and advantages at the last moment, just as he is upon the eve of taking some journey, emigrating to some other State, using the Chapter as a stepping stone to get into the Commandery, or just before some Masonic gathering he knocks at our outer door, he can hardly be said to be uninfluenced by mercenary motives. As a class, such material will hardly produce work that will pass the overseer. It is not the amount of work, but the kind you receive and mould into Royal Arch Masons, that builds up your Chapter.

"In refusing these requests, I have only been governed by what I thought was for the good of the Craft.

"There have been no applications for dispensations to open new Chapters during the past year.

"DECISIONS.

"*Question.*—In September, 1890, I conferred the several degrees of this Chapter upon a brother by special dispensation of the Grand High Priest. At the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter it was decided that the Grand High Priest had no right to grant the dispensation. What effect has this ruling upon Companion B. Is he a member of our Chapter in good standing ?

"*Answer.*—He is. While the Grand Chapter decided the above dispensation was in conflict with section 9 of the regulations of this Grand Chapter, yet Companion B. was not to blame ; he acted in good faith, and, as he had a right to believe, under lawful authority.

"*Question.*—A Companion made application for a dimit, the same being dated prior to the meeting of the Grand Chapter, 1889 ; but said application did not come before the Chapter until after the issuance of the edict of the Grand High Priest forbidding any Royal Arch Chapter granting a dimit to any Companion who was affiliated, associated, or connected with the so-called Cerneau Scottish Rite bodies (the Companion being a member thereof). I ordered the dimit granted, but same has not been delivered. What is the status of the Companion?

"*Answer.*—The Companion is a member of your Chapter, under the ruling of the Grand Chapter at its last annual convocation, page 42. The action taken by you in ordering a dimit granted was illegal, and therefore void."

The net gain in membership has been larger than for several years past. St. John's Chapter, at Minneapolis, has 598 members.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence ; Canada, for 1891, receives a good notice. In his review of Connecticut, Comp. Montgomery says :—

"He disapproves of resolutions or edicts bearing on the Cerneau question. Says that York (?) Masonry should require : first, membership in the lodge ; second, in the

Chapter; third, in the council; and last, in the commandery, and that if the members are faithful to these, they may join such other bodies as they see fit.

We at first entertained similar views, but in the light of experience and reason, are now strongly of the opinion that it becomes the duty of Grand Lodges, as well as Grand Chapters, to enlighten the members of their obedience, and to inform them which of the several bodies claiming to be Masonic are entitled to their confidence and worthy of their patronage. Grand Lodges in particular have surely the right to say what other bodies shall build upon their degrees, and especially should American Grand Lodges be ever ready to defend the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction; which, after all, is the principal reason why no rival bodies of the Scottish Rite should be permitted to plant themselves in territory already occupied, thus breaking into that unity which Companion Barlow truly says should exist everywhere among the Royal Craft.

"In Minnesota radical measures were taken by both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The brethren were enlightened as to which was lawful and which was clandestine, and warned to have nothing more to do with the clandestine Scottish Rite bodies, under penalty of discipline. These warnings were heeded, and hence nothing has been heard of Cerneausim in this State for the past year. The most of those who united with these spurious bodies did so in ignorance; others, because the fees for the degrees (given oftentimes in an hour) were only a few dollars (a small fraction of the fees in the lawful bodies), expecting to be sometimes recognized, a confession at once of the counterfeit character of these so-called degrees.

"We are informed that many, on learning that they were duped, have since taken the degrees in the legitimate bodies."

Chapters, 51; members, 3,907; increase, 241.

J. M. Martin (Minneapolis), G.H.P.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G.S.

## MISSISSIPPI.

43rd Convocation, Aberdeen, February 11th, 1891.

W. R. Trigg, G.H.P.

There has been some improvement in the condition of the Chapters, but the advance is not as much as should have been made. Two charters have been restored, and the Grand Chapter is now for the first time in many years out of debt.

The "double" mileage was abolished by the adoption of the following, as a permanent regulation:—

"When a Companion represents a Chapter or is an officer of the Grand Chapter, and also represents a lodge in the Grand Lodge, he shall receive only per diem in the Grand Chapter; *provided*, that where two Companions are present from a Chapter, the usual mileage may be paid."

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That any dormant Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction or any Chapter in arrears for dues for two years, may reorganize and commence work, upon payment of such amount as the Grand Secretary with the approval of the Grand High Priest may deem equitable and within the ability of the membership of such Chapter to pay, and the balance of said arrears are hereby remitted." * * *

"*Resolved*, That the sum of 150 dollars be appropriated to Miss Annie Walter, daughter of our beloved and lamented Companion Harvey W. Walter, deceased, toward defraying her expenses in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, in which, through the influence of Masonic friends of her father, she has recently secured a scholarship." * * *

"WHEREAS, The reports on Foreign Correspondence annually submitted to this Grand Chapter have for many years been prepared by Comp. P. M. Savery, and notwithstanding his promotion to the office of Grand High Priest, he be requested to prepare the report to be submitted to the next Grand Convocation."

We extend our hearty congratulations to Comp. Savery, on his elevation to the highest position in the gift of his companions, and we are confident that he will do honor to his exalted station.

Canada, for 1890, receives a short notice.

Chapters, 44; members, 1,240; increase, 75.

P. M. Savery (Tupelo), G.H.P.

J. L. Power (Jackson), G.S.

## MISSOURI.

44th Convocation, St. Louis, April 23rd, 1891.

James B. Austin, G.H.P.

"Nothing has transpired during the year to break the golden chain that binds the several Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction in peace and unity." Several schools of instruction were held by the Grand Lecturer in various sections of the State. On the subject of uniformity of work, the Grand High Priest says:—

"I am of the opinion that individual work in Chapters is productive of more good than General Chapters of Instruction, and I would suggest that the Chapters throughout the State select active young Companions, and let them receive the work and communicate it to their Chapters. This can be done at a small expense, and thus establish a uniform work all over the State."

We also copy his remarks on their Masonic Home:—

"In looking over the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, I find many of them have under consideration the establishment of homes for widows and orphans, and several now have homes which are sheltering hundreds of dear ones. Our young sister in the Indian Territory, whose first Grand Chapter was convened November the 6th, 1890, at Muskogee, has taken steps looking forward to the founding a home for those who are near and dear to them. Every Mason's heart should throb with delight when he knows that we have a hearthstone around which our fathers and mothers, and the little ones who seek our protection, can cluster in safety. The home was opened July 12th, 1889. At our last Convocation there were fourteen inmates, and today thirty-one enjoy our bounty. Four are from the city and twenty-seven from the country. I hope that the 24th of June, which is orphan's day, will be remembered by all."

We lately had the pleasure of visiting and inspecting this admirable institution, the Masonic Home of Missouri. Comps. William H. Mayo and Martin Collins, of St. Louis, and Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, had us in charge, and we shall not soon forget the happy and joyous faces of the group of children, as they gathered round Comp. Collins, with unmistakable expressions of the heartiest affection. Nor was the pleasure all on one side. Comp. Collins is an enthusiastic lover of children, and one of the warmest friends and most generous benefactors of the Home, and he fairly beamed with delight as the young ones clambered over him from every direction. Everything about the Home appeared to be in good condition. The matron is earnest in her work, and has the affection of her charges in no slight degree. Altogether, it was a scene to be remembered, and we felt proud of our Craft, and proud for the Missouri Masons, who have thus practically exemplified the noblest tenets of our fraternity.

The new Grand Chapter of Arizona was recognized.

The following Report of the Committee on Ritual was adopted:—

"We have given the subject committed to their consideration considerable time and much thought. We have unanimously agreed upon certain points, which will be reported verbally during this session. We have recognized the necessity of adhering to the old Missouri work, with which so many of our Companions are thoroughly familiar, as any unnecessary changes would result in confusion, without any corresponding benefit. Before agreeing upon a proposition to change any portion of our work, we have submitted the same to a critical comparison, not only with the work recommended by the Committee on Ritual of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, but with the rituals of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, as far as the same were accessible to us, as well as comparing notes with well-informed Companions of several jurisdictions. We do not believe in constant tinkering with work, and therefore, being of the opinion that the work as revised and adopted at this session will continue in use in this jurisdiction for many years, we thought it best, even at the cost of some pains and labor to our Companions, that such portions as we conceived to be blemishes in our work, should now be corrected at once and for the future. In the comparison of our work with that of other jurisdictions, we are

still of the opinion, which we expressed a year ago, that our work will compare favorably with that of any other in the United States to which we have had access."

The mileage was reduced from four cents per mile to three cents per mile, but a proposal to confine the representation to one representative from each Chapter, who should be entitled to pay, was negatived.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. William H. Mayo, whose personal acquaintance we were privileged to make last September, and we shall not soon forget the great kindness he bestowed on a weary pilgrim and a stranger. Comp. Mayo has prepared two very complete and comprehensive statistical tables, giving an immense amount of valuable information, and which must have cost the compiler a very large amount of time and painstaking trouble. Among other information, we learn that the largest Chapter in the United States is Providence Chapter, of Rhode Island, having no less than 875 members. The next largest Chapters are one in Boston, with 638 members, one in Chicago, with 620, one in Rochester, with 586, and one in Minneapolis, with 513.

His notice of our proceedings for 1890, is kind and fraternal. In introducing the Canadian Provinces, Comp. Mayo says :—

"We now come to the consideration of the *only* Grand Jurisdictions who print regularly their proceedings and exchange, as we do with all other Grand Jurisdictions, that can with any degree of propriety be called "foreign," or our reviews or reports on their transactions can with any semblance of appropriateness be styled "Foreign Correspondence," and we hold that this is only done out of respect to our respective civil governments, and the political subdivisions of our continent; in these respects and these only are the Canadian Provinces foreign. In these days of rapid transit and universal use of electricity, whereby we are enabled to visit and converse with each other any day and any hour; they are our neighbors; as members of the same great, broad-minded, God-revering, man-loving fraternity, we are brothers; we frequently visit each other, are always kindly received and hospitably entertained, thus solidifying the bonds of fraternal union which exist between us, and are growing stronger day by day, so that it requires no very great stretch of imagination, strength of foresight, or predictions of a prophet, to say that the day is not so very far distant when the present existing civil government and political subdivisions of the continent of North America will undergo some very radical changes."

Chapters, 95; members, 5,562; increase, 250.
Ira V. McMillan (Maryville), G.H.P.
William H. Mayo (St. Louis), G.S.

## MONTANA.

The new Grand Chapter of Montana was organized at Helena on June 25th, 1891, with the approval of the General Grand High Priest. Ten Chapters were represented at the Convocation. A constitution was adopted and officers elected.

We extend a hearty and cordial greeting to this new Grand Chapter, and wish for them a long and useful career of prosperity.

Chapers, 10; members, 567.
Richard O. Hickman (Helena), G.H.P.
Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G.S.

## NEBRASKA.

24th Convocation, Lincoln, December 10th, 1890.
Frank H. Young, Deputy G.H.P., presiding.

The Grand High Priest, Milton J. Hull, was absent owing to his acceptance of a Government office. In the address of the Deputy we find the following :—

"While our Grand Chapter has for years considered, and has never decided, whether or not it was in duty bound to observe the advice and direction of the General Grand Chapter, yet I presume you agree with me that we will do well to fall in with its view

when they are not distasteful to us. I invite your attention to the rule laid down by the General Grand Chapter, in 1883, for observance by the Chapters under its immediate control, that such Chapters shall have 'Masters' (not Grand Masters), of the Vails. I not only recommend that we adopt this title in Nebraska Chapters, but suggest that the titles of other officers be modified so that our High Priests will be 'Excellent,' our Grand High Priests 'Right Excellent,' and our General Grand High Priest remaining 'Most Excellent.'"

Over half of the Chapters were visited and inspected. The records are in good condition, but the attendance is poor and the work is vague, owing to the prevalent idea that the Chapter is only a stepping-stone to the Commandery.

The Distress of Free Masons in South-Western Nebraska was re-referred to, and an appropriation of $1,000 was made for their relief.

The following resolution, offered by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was laid on the table, but we think that it should have been adopted. We believe that a Mason has some rights which his fellows are bound to respect and that a member who is desirous of advancement and who has passed a favorable ballot should not be stopped except for good cause shown. If he is not fit to advance he is not fit to be in the Fraternity at all, and charges should be preferred against him, and his guilt or innocence made clear :—

"*Resolved*, That while the right of objection exists, and should be respected at any and all periods of progress, a *mere objection should not act as a ballot against advancement*, but should be followed by charges and be sustained in order to be operative, otherwise the mere objection to be void."

The Grand Secretary writes the Report on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of Canada for 1889 and 1890 in a very flattering manner, having words of commendation for our chief, and giving several extracts from the reports of Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and concurring with several of our expressed opinions.

Chapters, 52 ; members, 2,519 ; increase, 116.

Frank H. Young (Custer), G.H.P.

William R. Bowen (Omaha), G.S.

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1891.

25th Convocation, Columbus, Dec. 16th, 1891.

Frank H. Young, G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest devoted ten months out of the year to the duties of his office. He finds great ignorance of the work and an absence of uniformity requiring correction. He refused all requests for dispensations to confer the degrees out of time, unless the petitioners were able to accurately answer all the questions in the first sections of the apprentice, fellow Crafts and Master's lectures, and creditably open and close a Master's lodge. We fancy that very few candidates would be able to pass this ordeal. We quote his decisions :—

"1. Serving as High Priest of a Chapter under dispensation does not confer the rank of Past High Priest. The installation makes the High Priest, and presiding one year over a chartered Chapter makes the Past High Priest.

"2. A Chapter has not the right to bury a deceased Companion.

"3. A Chapter has not the right to appear in procession.

"4. In trials the committee appointed to take testimony may hold their sessions wherever they please. I would advise, however, that they hold their meetings elsewhere than in the Chapter-room while examining profanes.

"5. A Chapter has the right to confer the degrees of Mark, Past or Most Excellent Master, free of charge, on any worthy Companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States, who has regularly received the Royal Arch degree, to the end that he may be healed, and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason."

The second and third of these decisions were not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, but were sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The fourth decision was approved, but the committee did not concur in the advice of the Grand High Priest. The fifth decision was not approved, the committee adhering to their former practice of requiring a dispensation from the Grand High Priest before conferring the degrees.

On the work, the following report was adopted :—

"Your Committee on Uniformity of Work beg leave to report the following recommendations :

"*First*—That the work of Nebraska, changed only where it may conflict with the essentials adopted by the General Grand Chapter, be continued as the standard in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"*Second*—That there be appropriated the sum of seven hundred dollars, to be expended, under the direction of the Grand High Priest, in compensating the Grand Lecturer for teaching our work in the subordinate Chapters."

Comp. Charles J. Phelps Reports on Correspondence. He reviews Canada for 1891.

Chapters, 51 ; members, 2,625 ; increase, 106.

John B. Dinsmore (Sutton), G.H.P.

William R. Bowen (Omaha), G.S.

## NEVADA.

18th Convocation, Reno, June 8th, 1891.

John H. Hubbs, G.H.P.

The degrees come high in this Jurisdiction. Gold Hill Chapter, their youngest but one, has the following scale of fees : For the Mark Degree, $15.00 ; Past Master, $10.00 ; M.E.M., $20.00 ; and the Royal Arch, $35.00, in all, $80.00.

The new Grand Chapter of Arizona was recognized.

The business transacted was chiefly local and unimportant. We find nothing to indicate the state of the subordinates, except the returns. There were only four exaltations.

Comp. Frank Bell Reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1890, is fraternally mentioned. On the absurdity of perpetual jurisdiction, he says :—

"Nine years in California would seem to us to make the Brother material of that jurisdiction, not taking into consideration that men may possibly change their whole character in that time, and good material when the ballot was taken, might possibly be anything but desirable after a California experience of nine years."

Chapters, 8 ; members, 301 ; loss, 11.

Charles W. Hinchcliffe (Austin), G H.P.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G.S.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

From New Brunswick we have a circular giving the names of the officers elected at the fifth annual Convocation, held at St. John on the 27th day of April, 1892.

At the Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, held at the City of St. John, on the 27th day of April, A.D. 1892, the following officers were elected, appointed and installed for the year, 1892-1893 :

ELECTED—Companions, T. Nisbet Robertson, Saint John, M.E. Grand High Priest : Alexander Burchill, Fredericton, R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest ; William B. Wallace, Saint John, R.E. Grand King ; Rev. O. S. Newnham, Saint Stephen, R.E. Grand Scribe ; J. Henry Leonard, Carleton, R.E. Grand Treasurer ; William A. Ewing, Saint John, R.E. Grand Secretary ; G. Gordon Boyne, Saint John, Grand Janitor.

APPOINTED—Companions, David F. Merritt, Woodstock, V.E. Grand Captain of the Host ; Hendry B. Fleming, Moncton, V.E. Grand Royal Arch Captain ; Frederick Sandall, Saint John, V.E. Grand Organist

The following committees were appointed :

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—T. Nisbet Robertson, Hon. B. Lester Peters, Alexander Burchill (President), William B. Wallace, Rev. Obadiah S. Newnham, J. Henry Leonard,

William A. Ewing (Secretary), John V. Ellis, F. Wing Wisdom, Edwin J. Everett, Robert Marshall (Vice-President), Thomas Walker, M.D.

Ritual Committee—T. Nisbet Robertson, Hon. B. Lester Peters, William A. Ewing, Henry Duffell, William B. Wallace.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Montana was officially recognized.

The following representatives from Sister Grand Chapters presented their commissions and were received with the customary honors:

M.E. Companion T. Nisbet Robertson, from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky; R.E. Companions, Julius T. Whitlock, from the Grand Chapter of Washington; George Ackman, from the Grand Chapter of Ohio; V.E. Companion Alexander R. Campbell, from the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory; E.Companion John V. Ellis, from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

The number of members on the roll of this Grand Chapter at the close of the year was 394.

During the year this Grand Chapter has been called upon to mourn the death of two of its members, viz: R.E. Companion James McNichol, Deputy Grand High Priest, and E. Companion Robert Thompson Clinch, P.Z.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick have not been published since the Annual Convocation of 1887.

The Sixth Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Moncton, on Wednesday, the twenty-third day of August, A.D. 1893, at eleven o'clock, a. m.

The Grand Chapter of Montana was officially recognized.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter have not been published since 1887.

Number of members, 394.

T. Nisbet Robertson (St. John), G.H.P.

William A. Ewing (St. John), G.S.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

73rd Convocation, Concord, May 19th, 1891.

Nathan P. Hunt, G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest visited all the 21 Chapters and found them in a good, healthy condition and fairly prosperous, their records correctly kept and the officers well versed in the ritual, and most of the Chapters have a considerable fund in the treasury. He decided that a Chapter could receive the petition of an unaffiliated Mason, but before the degrees are conferred he must become a member of some lodge. We can see no necessity for this latter requirement.

The following was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that North Star Chapter, in passing resolutions of censure upon the action of the Grand High Priest, in making the selection for the appointed officers of the Grand Chapter at the last annual Convocation, was guilty of a violation of Masonic courtesy and an attempted interference with the rights and prerogatives of the Grand High Priest unwarranted by Masonic law and wholly inexcusable, and that their action merits and receives the disapproval of the Grand Chapter."

In his review of California, Comp. Albert S. Wait has the following remarks on the prerogatives of Grand Masters:—

"We find no provision in the regulations of 1721, nor in any of the early written constitutions of Masonry, which directly or by inference withdraws from the Grand Master any prerogative which he before possessed, but they all proceed upon the assumption that he possesses certain powers which it is not intended to abrogate. We do not here assert that it is not in the power of the Craft by express constitutional provision to deprive the Grand Master of his ancient prerogative; but we are satisfied that it cannot be done short of express legislation therefor. In the absence of such legislation the presumption is that whatever is ancient in Masonry still remains."

Canada for 1890 receives due notice.

Chapters, 21; members, 2,798; increase, 117.

Horace Ames Brown (Concord), G.H.P.

George Perley Cleaves (Concord), G.S.

## NEW JERSEY.

36th Convocation, Trenton, May 11th, 1892.

Robert A. Simpson, G.H.P.

His duties were not arduous. He visited a number of Chapters and was gratified at the interest manifested. On the ritual, he says :—

"There is not the proficiency in the ritual that should be. A lack of interest is manifest in Capitular Masonry, due, probably, in many instances, to the fact that its honors are sought only for the privileges they bring. This is not as it should be. If the ritual were rendered correctly and impressively much of this evil would be remedied. This may be due to the fact that the officers to whom the duty of teaching the Chapters is assigned differ widely in imparting instruction, and affording evidence that the officers should more fully qualify themselves in the work before exemplification. It may follow from this that the time is approaching when the Grand Chapter will see proper to adopt other methods of communicating the work. Some Grand Charters, appreciating this difficulty, have endeavored to remedy it by appointing a special officer for that purpose. I would suggest the expediency of a similar measure."

The committee on the address express their disapprobation of the continued interference of the General Grand Chapter with the work of the capitular degrees, and they believe that a part of the uncertainty and consequent want of uniformity in the work is due to that cause.

A Special Committee was appointed on the ceremonial of the Past Master's degree.

A resolution to appoint a Grand Lecturer was laid over till next year.

Comp. Henry Vehslage Reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1891.

Chapters, 36 ; members, 2,812 ; increase, 73.

Edward Mills (Camden), G.H.P.

Geo. B. Edwards (Jersey City), G.S.

## NEW YORK.

95th Convocation, Albany, February, 2nd, 1892.

William J. McDonald, G.H.P.

The returns show an encouraging condition of the Chapters in general, and that the prosperity attending their efforts for the past year has extended to a larger number of them than for several years past. The regulation in regard to the proficiency of candidates before exaltation, is winning its way into favor, and a close adherence to the standard work is the rule.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the return of any portion, directly or indirectly, of the initiation fee, or the promise of return of anything of value, as an inducement to join a Chapter in this jurisdiction, is a violation of Section 53 of the Constitution, and also of the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry, and Chapters violating the above provision of the Constitution should be dealt with summarily." * * *

"*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter to attend, in their official capacity, the convocations of this Grand Body, and such attendance is expected, or satisfactory reasons given for absence." * * *

"*Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest and officers of the Grand Council be requested to devise and put in practice, a systematic plan of visitation to the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, by the officers of the Grand Chapter." * * *

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. George J. Gardner, and it contains an excellent review of our proceedings for 1891. Numerous extracts are given, with kindly words of approval.

Chapters, 186 ; members, 16,871 ; increase, 726.

J. Leavitt Lambert (Hoosick Falls), G.H.P.

Christopher G. Fox (Buffalo), G.S.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

43rd Convocation, Morehead City, June 9th, 1891.

Benjamin F. Briggs, G.H.P.

The Chapters are nearly all active, and prosperity and harmony prevail. Four dormant Chapters were revived. The non-uniformity of the work seems to be the great drawback to further advancement, but nevertheless, the work of the Chapters is far in excess of any previous year.

It was resolved that no Companion should be expelled or suspended for non-payment of dues, but only excluded from membership.

The Committee on Work deemed it inexpedient to take any action at present.

An amendment was proposed, to be considered next year, to substitute for the Grand Chapter tax of $15 for each Chapter, a per capita tax of fifty cents per member.

In his review of Nebraska, Comp. James Southgate gives the following sketch of their practice in opening on the different degrees :—

"The committee had this question propounded, which was answered in the negative: 'Should a Chapter always be opened preliminary to opening a Lodge of Mark, Past or Most Excellent Masters?' We dissent from this ruling of the committee, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter, unless the Chapter has been called off, and then it is of doubtful propriety. In the lodge we always return to the Master's lodge in passing from one degree to another, and there is no reason why the same rule should not apply in the Chapter. Suppose a Mark Master is to take the Past Master's degree. The Chapter is called, according to this ruling, opened in the Past Master's degree, and the degree conferred, how will you ballot on his proficiency as a Mark Master? You can't ballot in any other than the Royal Arch Chapter. In our Jurisdiction, which, we think, is the general practice in the case above cited, we should open the Royal Arch Chapter, dispense with labor, open a Mark Master's Lodge, examine the candidate, close the Mark Master's Lodge, call to labor in the Chapter, ballot on proficiency, dispense with labor again, open a Past Master's Lodge, confer the degree, close the Lodge, resume labor in the Chapter, and if no further business occurs, close."

Canada for 1890 receives due notice.

Chapters, 18 ; members, 663 ; increase, 87.

Benjamin F. Briggs (Wilson), G.H.P.

Donald W. Bain (Raleigh), G.S.

## NORTH DAKOTA.

2nd Convocation, Fargo, June 17th, 1891.

Leonard A. Rose, G.H.P.

Our William G. Bell, of Manitoba, was present as a distinguished visitor, and nobly upheld the honor and fair fame of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On the state of the Craft, the Grand High Priest says :—

"While no new Chapters have been constituted during the past year, each of the seven subordinate Chapters of our jurisdiction has added to its membership men of intelligence, integrity and character ; and I believe that I can truthfully aver that the growth of Royal Arch Masonry in North Dakota, in general prosperity, character and numbers has kept pace with the development of our young State in other departments.

"As Royal Arch Masons, we have reached the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry, and I submit to the proposition that as such we should represent the intelligence, skill, virtue and benevolence, that are everywhere so prominently apparent in the design, scope, and literature of our sublime Order. Let us then, eschewing profanity, intemperance, and excess, by lives of moderation, virtue, usefulness and honor, demonstrate to the outside world that Royal Arch Masonry ranks high among the potent educating institutions of the world, in addition to constituting a bond that unites its membership throughout the world into one great and helpful fraternity."

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted. Our procedure in such cases is the same.

"We are of opinion that a Companion who has received the Capitular degrees in Great Britain or other foreign country, and has received the Mark Master's and

Royal Arch degrees or the M.M., P.M. and R.A. degrees, wishing to affiliate with a Chapter of this jurisdiction, shall present his application to the Chapter in regular form, and if elected, should have conferred upon him the degree or degrees he has not received, free of charge."

Chapters, 7; members, 411; increase, 62.

Francis Ingalls (Jamestown), G.H.P.

Thomas J. Wilder (Casselton), G.S.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

22nd Convocation, Yarmouth, June 9th, 1891.

Henry Grier, Grand King, presiding.

The Grand High Priest, G. W. Wakeford, was unable to be present, having had to leave for Bermuda on business and for the benefit of his health. In his address he congratulates the Companions upon the prosperity of the Order.

In the report of the Committee of General Purposes we find the following paragraphs:—

"They have great pleasure in stating that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is generally satisfactory; that the increase in membership is about the average, and that the amount of work done is nearly the same as that of last year; the abstract of the returns which have been received from the whole of the Chapters give full and detailed particulars; while some of the Chapters have made a marked increase in their work and membership, others have not done so well in this respect, but indications are not wanting of increased interest in those which have been quiescent for some time, and hopes are entertained that the coming year will show good results. The reports of the R.E. Companions to whom the M.E.G.H.P. delegated his authority to hold visitations will be presented for your consideration in due course, and will doubtless prove of interest to all concerned.

"The action of the M.E. Grand High Priest in the appointment of distinguished Companions to represent the Grand Chapter near sister Grand Bodies merits approval, as such judicious appointments tend to promote fraternity among the Royal Craft; and while on this subject, your Committee are of opinion that the status of Companions who, although on the rolls of our Chapters as members are non-residents in the jurisdiction, and yet continue to nominally represent other Grand Chapters than that of Nova Scotia, should be defined, that the anomaly may no longer exist of retaining such Companions as Grand Representatives, when in point of fact their non-residence renders it an impossibility for them to give personal attention to such duties as may be connected with those honorable positions; this matter has already been referred to in a previous address of our G.H.P., but no action has been taken up to this time, and we advise such legislation at this convocation as may be deemed expedient."

A new constitution was adopted after full discussion, and the following resolutionz were passed:

"*Resolved*, That no Companion shall hereafter represent more than one foreign jurisdiction as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and shall be resident within its jurisdiction; and further, that any Grand Representative who shall absent himself from three consecutive Annual Convocatio s of this Grand Chapter shall thereby vacate the position held by him as such Grand Representative."

"That this Grand Charter desires to record their regret at the departure from the jurisdiction of M.E. Companion William A. Hesson, P.G.H.P., one of the original members of this Grand Body; and for the past twelve years its trustworthy and efficient Grand Treasurer, and trust that our esteemed and venerable companion may enjoy in his new home many years of life and happiness."

Chapters, 12; members, 580; increase, 27.

William Crowe (Halifax), G.H.P.

George T. Smithers (Halifax), G.S.

## OHIO.

75th Convocation, Cincinnati, October 7th, 1891.

James W. Iredell, jr., G.H.P.

His official Correspondence during the year shows a large increase over previous years, which he takes as an indication of the deep interest

taken by the officers of Chapters in matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order. He decided that a Companion who is engaged in retailing liquors in a saloon is guilty of unmasonic conduct and subject to discipline.

Horeb Chapter at Worthington withdrew its affiliation from the Grand Chapter in consequence of the passage of a resolution in 1890 requiring all Chapters to send notice of their suspensions to the Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery of Knights Templars nearest their location. The Grand High Priest promptly suspended Horeb Chapter and afterwards restored the Charter to a number of loyal members who had taken no part in the disloyal movement.

On the Ohio Masonic Home, Comp. Iredell says :—

"The question of location having been decided, the Board of Trustees, at a meeting held in this city, Tuesday, September 22nd, received the deed for one hundred and fifty-four acres of land valued at $20,802, and drafts for $11,000, donated by Masons and citizens of Springfield, on condition that the Home should be located on the property donated, which lies about half a mile south of Springfield. In addition to the above, about $26,000 have been subscribed by the different Masonic bodies and members of the Order, of which amount, $8,614.90 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Board. The architect employed by the trustees has been instructed to make the necessary survey of the land and to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of the principal building. It is the desire of the Board to commence work early in the spring, and in order that the building may be completed without delay, it is necessary to raise more money, and I ask those Chapters that have not made their contributions to do so promptly."

In the matter of Horeb Chapter, the following report was adopted:—

"I. In the matter of Horeb Chapter.—Your committee recommends that the action of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and his proxies, the Ex Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand King, be approved.

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue to the loyal Companions of Horeb Chapter who have taken the obligation of fealty and allegiance to this Grand Chapter, a duplicate charter, bearing the same number as the original charter, and reciting upon its face the fact that it is a duplicate issued in consequence of the illegal detention of the former charter.

"That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall issue an edict announcing the restoration of the charter to said loyal members in good standing, and recognizing said Chapter as Horeb Chapter No. 3, and shall order said Chapter to prefer charges against all members who were on the roll of said Chapter previous to the suspension of its charter who have not already, or who shall not hereafter, upon proper notice, disavow the illegal action of said Chapter and submit to the authority of this Grand Chapter, and proceed to try the same.

"That the returns from Horeb Chapter No. 3, filed with the Grand Secretary, and signed by Companion Horace W. Wright as High Priest and Wm. M. Moses as Secretary, be recognized as the legal return from said Chapter for the year ending July 31, 1891, and that the High Priest, King and Scribe, or their lawful proxies, of said Chapter, elected since the authority to resume work in said Chapter, shall be and are recognized as entitled to seats as members of this Grand Chapter during its current session."

The following resolution was adopted, but we need hardly say that it has our hearty disapproval. It savors too much of star chamber legislation and the days of the Inquisition to suit the inhabitants of a free and enlightened community :—

"*Resolved*, That membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Master Masons. Provided, that a dimitted Master Mason, who has in good faith petitioned for membership in a lodge, and has been rejected therein, shall not forfeit his membership in the Chapter to which he belongs until after the expiration of six months from such rejection by the lodge; and any such dimitted Master Mason, who has been rejected, must renew his application to a lodge within six months after each such previous rejection, in order to retain his membership in his Chapter."

Comp. S. Stacker Williams has an excellent Report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1891 receives due notice.

Chapters, 143; members, 12,117; increase, 358.

William W. Savage (Wilmington), G.H.P.

Charles C. Kiefer (Urbana), G.S.

## OREGON.

31st Convocation, Portland, June 8th, 1891.

Seth L. Pope, G.H.P.

Among the Grand Representatives, we are glad to notice the name of M.E. Comp. Donald McKay, the Grand Representative of Canada.

Cordial and fraternal relations have been maintained with all sister jurisdictions, and within their own peace and harmony have prevailed, no cause of grievance having come to the knowledge of the Grand High Priest during the year. The returns show a steady increase in the amount of work done by the Chapters over the two previous years.

A resolution was proposed to return to the Chapters the surplus funds over the amount required to defray the expenses of the Grand Chapter for the year. On being put to vote the result was a tie, and the resolution was thus defeated.

The report of the committee on the address of the Grand High Priest contains the following :—

"The Royal Craft in this jurisdiction are to be congratulated on the fact that no official decisions have been required during the past year.

"It is to be hoped that future convocations will hear the same record.

"The beautiful tribute to the memory of P.G.H.P. Albert W. Ferguson, presented by our G.H.P., should remain as it comes from his pen without reference to any committee. It presents in a few words the work of a Companion, whose services in the establishment of Freemasonry in Oregon stand pre-eminent in our history. The writer of this report can attest to his untiring zeal in every branch of Masonry in days past and gone, when Masonry in this jurisdiction was in its infancy."

It was appropriately resolved to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with a like committee of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast in the proposed celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Oregon on the 13th of September, 1891.

It was decided to purchase regalia and jewels for the use of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Grievance had nothing before them.

The Grand Secretary has a very pleasing Report on Correspondence, in which all the Grand Chapters are reviewed with his accustomed ability. Canada for 1891 receives fraternal attention. In his concluding remarks, he says :—

"We have finished our work for this year and we congratulate the Royal Craft upon the increase in membership and in the general prosperity of Chapters, wherever Capitular Masonry has an abiding place. The reports of Grand Chapters reviewed, show that the condition of the Royal Craft is more encouraging than at any former period. An increased interest is shown in a larger attendance upon Chapter meetings and in the school or lecture system, by which a knowledge of the work may be obtained. There are some questions that remain open and unsettled, and will no doubt for a long time. Among them is whether a Grand Chapter is subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. Some Chapters have laws which declare that no appeal shall be taken from their Grand Chapters to the General Grand Chapters. They will not come into this circle. Another question is whether non-affiliates can be compelled to affiliate with a Chapter. One thing is certain, no Mason who does not belong to a lodge should ever become a member of a Chapter."

Chapters, 21 ; members, 984 ; increase, 79.

Jay Tuttle (Astoria), G.H.P.

R. P. Earhart (Portland), G.S.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

95th Convocation, Philadelphia, December 27th, 1890.

James S. Barber, G.H.P.

We copy his decisions :—

"I am gratified to report to Grand Chapter the very satisfactory condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction at the present time. I have been called to make very few decisions, and have performed very few official acts of discipline.

"1st. In the cases of two Chapters, where they had received and acted upon the petitions and conferred the Capitular degrees upon candidates who resided nearer another Chapter, without asking the nearest Chapter if there were any Masonic objections to the petition being acted on, I decided that the action of the Chapter was null and void, and directed them to proceed *de nova*.

"It is an axiom in Pennsylvania that where a candidate has been made without a strict compliance with the law, his making is illegal.

"2nd. In the case of the suspension and taking up of the warrant of a lodge by order of the Grand Master, I decided that as the Master Masons were suspended, the members of the Chapter who were members of the suspended lodge were suspended in their rights as Royal Arch Masons.

"3rd. In reply to question asked by the High Priest of a Chapter: 'Can I file an objection in writing with the Secretary of my Chapter against a certain member of the Blue Lodge becoming a member of the Chapter?'

"*Answer.*—You cannot. You can file no objections against any one whose petition is not in the possession of the Chapter, no matter what grievance you may have. If you find any member of the Lodge who, by blackballing candidates, endeavors to break up the peace and harmony of the lodge, you are at perfect liberty to prefer charges against him and try him thereon if you find the reasons for blackballing are un-Masonic.

"If the Brother did in the lodge what you charge him with in your letter, the Blue Lodge is the place to reach him, and not file objections against him in the Chapter, to which he has not applied as yet.

"When requested to remove the casting of the blackball in a Chapter, I decided it was a matter over which I had no control. I cannot nor can the Grand Chapter interfere with the right of ballot. If the one who uses the blackball unjustly is discovered and known, then he can be held responsible for the same by trial.

"5th. I decided that the loss of a left hand is a disqualification for the Capitular degrees."

As these proceedings are a year and a half old, the local transactions have nearly lost their interest. Two new Chapters received charters.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comps. M. Arnold and Stockton Bates. We copy part of their introduction, with the remark that we are thoroughly in accord with their views on the undesirability of public masonic displays:—

"Some reflection on Masonic subjects may not be out of place. There is abroad an army of societies, which aim to displace and supersede Freemasonry, by gaudy show, public parade, grotesque ritual and promises of pecuniary advantage. On one side we hear of new organizations claiming to be Masonic, and asserting that they are ancient; on the other, we have rival bodies to recognized Masonic institutions. True Freemasons are seduced into membership with them. The result is edicts and expulsions, with suits in courts of law to set them aside. We are gratified to know that so far the courts have not attempted to interfere with the rights of true Masonic bodies to preserve their own self-government and administer discipline to disobedient brethren.

"Perhaps Freemasons themselves are not free from blame in the matter. Public displays of Masonic ceremonies are becoming common. These give an inkling of information to the profane of some of the affairs of Masonry, and lead to gossip about them. Thus the doings of Freemasons become a part of the politics (not party politics, but the personal status) of the brethren; and consequently when a Masonic question arises, it is discussed outside of Lodges and Chapters, and in halls and clubs.

"Then comes litigation and its endless train, so that the question whether a Mason is a good and true brother, becomes a public question and not a Masonic matter.

"We are happy to say that so far the Fraternity in this jurisdiction has kept itself and its doings within its own walls. We have not been tempted into a grand combination or general assembly, which will overshadow, if not overthrow, the sovereignty and dignity of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. This is particularly gratifying when we read that in some jurisdictions the question has been raised, whether a Past Grand High Priest is entitled to receive grand honors when he enters a Chapter in which a General Grand High Priest is present; and particularly is it so, since we are informed that a Past Grand High Priest under such circumstances, is entitled to receive only half of the grand honors.

"The question is discussed in several jurisdictions, whether a Grand Chapter *subordinate* to the General Grand Chapter can grant a warrant for a Chapter in unoccupied territory, as Alaska, for instance? We are gratified to notice that the weight of opinion is in favor of the right of the Grand Chapters.

"Some Grand Chapters have digests of laws which declare that no appeal shall be taken from Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter. Wherefore, we ask,

which is sovereign and which is subordinate? In one Grand Chapter it was decided that when the laws of that Grand Chapter conflict with those of the General Grand Chapter, the laws of the former must be followed. Yet we read that the General Grand Chapter is called the Supreme Legislature of the Royal Craft. All of which causes us to rejoice that Pennsylvania has kept out of the diet.

"Other matters give us like cause of congratulation. Uniformity, which is desirable, so long as the essentials of Masonry are preserved, is, we are pained to observe, leading to the preparation and use of a printed or cypher ritual. Not the least evil of this is the fact that no cipher exists which cannot be deciphered, as it will be in this instance, and then printed in advertising newspaper type. Another evil, and one of the greatest, will be the utter destruction of one of the very essential requisites of Masonry, the ability to work."

Canada for 1890 receives due notice. Comp. Arnold thinks that we have transposed the rank of the Grand Officers. He is not aware, probably, that our system is the original, and that the transposition, whereby the "High Priest" became the ranking officer, is an American innovation, probably introduced at the time of the Declaration of Independence, when "kings" were not much in favor with the denizens of the new Republic.

In his review of Illinois, Comp. Bates says:—

"In Pennsylvania we have no such officer as a Grand Lecturer. We have, however, a 'Committee on Work and Jurisprudence,' which is authority on all questions as to work, under and in conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. It is furthermore the custom of the Grand High Priest, on his visitations and at the Annual and Quarterly Grand Communications, to exemplify one or more of the degrees for the instruction of the Craft.

"If Comp. Pearson would honor us of Pennsylvania with his presence, we could show him that he need not be surprised at the 'rapidity' with which the proceedings and exemplification of degrees are disposed of. Promptness in getting to work, and diligence in performing it, is the main secret, of course that other condition being understood, that our *work* is not so long in its mode of exemplification. Our ways differ, but our results are one. Let the good work of making worthy Royal Arch Masons go on in any good way."

Chapters, 112; members, 12,939; increase, 537.

Alexander H. Morgan (Philadelphia), G.H.P.

Charles E. Meyer (Philadelphia), G.S.

## RHODE ISLAND.

93rd Convocation, Providence, March 10th, 1891.

Robert S. Franklin, G.H.P.

The work of the subordinates has been satisfactory and nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony of the Jurisdiction. The following decisions are reported:—

"The following questions have been submitted to me, and I was requested to rule upon them:

"*First.*—A ballot having been taken, and declared foul, had the High Priest the authority to order a new ballot after some of the companions had left the room?

"*Second.*—Did an objection, after a ballot had been declared clear, by a companion not present at the time of the ballot, hold good?

"*Third.*—Had the High Priest the power to order a part of the record relating to the rejection of a candidate, to be expunged?

"To the first of these questions, I replied that he had not, either before or after. In answer to the second, I replied that the objection was valid, and to the third I stated that the High Priest had no such power."

The resolutions quoted below were adopted. The officers were elected and installed and the Grand Chapter adjourned, after which the members dined together "according to the ancient custom."

"*Ordered*, That the Grand Secretary be allowed and paid the sum of fifty dollars for his services the past year.

"*Ordered*, That the Grand Tyler be allowed and paid the sum of five dollars for services.

"*Ordered*, That the bill for the annual dinner this day provided be paid when audited by the Grand Stewards, and they are hereby directed to provide the usual dinner at the next Annual Convocation.

"*Ordered*, That the sum of fifty dollars be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Freemasons' Repository for the space occupied in publishing the official business of the Grand Chapter, and for three copies of the same to be furnished to each Chapter in the jurisdiction."

Chapters, 10; members, 2,106; increase, 149.
George H. Kenyon (Providence), G.H.P.
William R. Greene (Providence), G.S.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

80th Convocation, Charleston, February 10th, 1891
W. H. Witherow, G.H.P., Acting.

The death of their Grand High Priest, A. Doty, was a sad blow to this Jurisdiction. "In the prime of life, prominent in his profession, eminent in Masonry, to all human appearances, many years of usefulness lay before him."

Two defunct Chapters were reorganized.

The proceedings are very brief. Harmony prevails and they have had a substantial increase in the membership.

Chapters, 17; members, 587; increase, 180.
W. H. Witherow (Winnsboro'), G.H.P.
J. E. Burke (Charleston), G.S.

## TENNESSEE.

63rd Convocation, Nashville, January 25th, 1892.
Alexander C. Robeson, G.H.P.
On the state of the Craft, he says:

"I am pleased to report that, so far as I have been advised, nothing has occurred during the past year to disturb our peaceful and friendly relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders. No appeals or perplexing questions of law have been presented for adjudication; hence my official duties have been limited to granting dispensations and official visitations.

"In some sections of our Grand Jurisdiction our Order has had an active, vigorous growth, for which we are largely indebted to the efficiency and zeal of our Grand Visitors, who, being intimately associated with the Subordinate Chapters, are familiar with their wants and better able to instruct the Companions and push forward the work than any other agency that could be employed."

One new Chapter was formed. The ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter was explained in a very satisfactory manner by Comp. W. F. Foster, P.G.H.P., and it was declared to be the standard ritual of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Comp. Foster was the chairman of the committee who prepared this ritual.

It was decided that the High Priest has no power to excuse a Companion from attending a summoned Convocation of the Chapter, when such summons is issued by the Chapter.

Chapters, 60; members, 2,384; increase, 176.
John B. Garrett (Nashville), G.H.P.
W. A. Clendening (Nashville), G.S.

## TEXAS.

42nd Convocation, Houston, Dec. 8th, 1891.
John P. Bell, G.H.P.

The Grand High Priest reports continued prosperity. He visited several Chapters during the year, and was gratified to note the eagerness with which the Companions sought to perfect themselves in the work. Three new Chapters were formed.

Comp. Norton Moses, Grand Visitor for the western district, in the discharge of his duty during the year, travelled 6,200 miles, and con-

ferred 643 degrees. Truly a magnificent record, but we must remember that everything is on a large scale down in Texas.

On two points the Grand Chapter differed from the Grand High Priest, and we think that the Grand Chapter was right in both cases. It was decided that enforced membership in a lodge was not a prerequisite for Chapter membership, and the second point was that the "air-line" rule should be observed in determining the jurisdiction of Chapters, and not the nearest travelled route.

Comp. J. C. Kidd again Reports on Correspondence in his usual able manner. In his remarks on the uselessness of the General Grand Bodies, there is considerably more truth than poetry, although the latter quality is not altogether absent either :—

"Which makes us again inquire, of what earthly USE is a General Grand Body, whether Encampment, Council or Chapter? We have never yet heard or read of a good one that they serve. It is true they afford an opportunity every three years for a 'high old time,' at an enormous expense, sometimes to the extent of temporary bankruptcy (see Maryland at Washington). It is true that they afford an additional use of the alphabet by adding numerous letters to sundry worthy Companions' names; it is true that they pay a few Companions a yearly stipend. But what is their USE? It is claimed they promote 'good fellowship.' How about that same Washington meeting of the General Grand Chapter? How about the Chicago, San Francisco and St. Louis meetings of the Grand Encampment? The 'work' and the 'uniform' and 'Tactics' are continually being brought up, and are never settled, nor can they be, satisfactorily. Does it or would it promote 'good fellowship' to compel one State to abandon what it conceives to be best because two other ambitious ones think their way best? We think the impossibility of anything of practical good is well stated by the representative when seeking for the establishment of a Grand Chapter within the Indian Territory. Hear him :

"'The General Grand Chapter was so far away, and *had so little touch and sympathy* with Masonry in the Territory, had no moving power to encourage the organization of new chapters. All the interest the General Grand Chapter seemed to feel was to secure the dues and fees at the end of each year.'

"Substitute 'Encampment' and 'Council' for Chapter and the statement fits all. As the worthy Grand High Priest of New Jersey, a few years ago, said : 'A fungus growth on the body of Masonry' covers the whole case. Minneapolis to-day is preparing for the meeting of the General Grand Chapter this summer. Denver is preparing for the General Encampment next year. Money is being spent by thousands. All the States, either in Grand Bodies or Subordinates, are spending money getting ready. And ready for what? With some, ambition, either personal or State, rules; with some, revenge has an abiding place; with some, an advertisement for the place from which they hail; with some, a 'good time' is expected. In the mean time the 'homes' projected for the widows and orphans either languish or wait a more 'convenient season.' Masonry really suffers while the 'supply men' prosper. Will some one tell us the 'USE' of the General Grands?"

Canada for 1891 receives a good notice.

Chapters, 110; members, 4,783; increase, 220.

John McDonald (Austin), G.H.P.

Robert Brewster (Houston), G.S.

## VERMONT.

74th Convocation, Burlington, June 12th, 1891.

Edwin O. Hibbard, G.H.P.

He mentions the death of Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary, from 1855 to 1871. He was initiated in 1813, and was over 99 years old at the time of his death.

The past year has been prosperous, and their financial condition is most excellent. Their net gain in work was over fifty per cent. Good progress is being made in securing the "marks" of all the Companions in the jurisdiction.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the compensation of District Deputy Grand High Priests be two dollars per day and necessary expenses, to be paid by the Chapter officially visited.

"*Resolved*, That the necessary expenses incurred in arranging for district convocations, including announcements, the actual expenses of the District Deputy Grand

High Priest, Grand Lecturer, and such officers of the Grand Chapter as may be invited and attend, be assessed as a per capita tax to be paid by the chapters within the respective districts, the said per capita tax to be paid to the District Deputy Grand High Priest within thirty days after the notice of assessment has been received."

Comp. F. S. Fisher Reports on Correspondence, and among the rest we find the proceedings of Canada for 1890.

Chapters, 25; members, 2,320; increase, 71.

George W. Wing (Montpelier), G.H.P.

Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G.S.

## VIRGINIA.

84th Convocation, Petersburg, November 10th, 1891.

J. Howard Wayt, G.H.P.

The past year has been one of the most prosperous in many years. Five new Chapters were formed. A camp of instruction was held at Grayson, Sulphur Springs, which was well attended, and this novel way of imparting the necessary instruction was well received.

A revised digest, prepared by the Grand Secretary, was approved, and ordered to be printed. A re-arrangement of the work and emblems, prepared by the Grand Lecturer, was also approved.

From the Report of the Committee on the Address, we take the following:—

"The healthy growth of the Order, as shown by the Charters and Dispensations promulgated during the Masonic year, is very gratifying to your committee, and must be equally so to the Grand Chapter.

"The 'Camp of Instruction' meets your committee's approval, especially in view of the good which it has evidently done, as demonstrated by the report of the Grand High Priest. Your committee hope the effort in this behalf will not be abandoned, but that the experiment of 'Camps of Instruction' will be continued in the future, until their utility or inutility shall be demonstrated by actual and repeated trial." * * *

"The committee cordially unites with the Grand High Priest in his committal of the Masonic Home of Virginia to the earnest consideration of the Craft in Virginia. We know of nothing in the whole sphere of our Masonic endeavors more worthy and more needy of our best prayers and efforts than this noble Institution, which Companion Babcock has founded, and the Grand Lodge of Virginia has fathered."

Chapters, 30; members, 1,801; increase, 230.

George W. Wright (Staunton), G.H.P.

William B. Isaacs (Richmond), G.S.

## WASHINTON.

7th Convocation, Seattle, June 12th, 1891.

William V. Rinehart, G.H.P.

New Chapters were formed at Port Townsend and Snohomish. The past year has been a prosperous one. We copy one paragraph from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

"Your committee, while they have concurred in every decision rendered by the M.E. Grand High Priest, are constrained to dissent from his views submitted on the ancient land marks and precedents, we cannot regard them as 'ancient and musty, lore.' If the landmarks are to be cast aside and wholesome precedents to be ignored, then is the ship of the Craft truly at sea, without rudder or helm, and disorder and confusion reign supreme, and innovations in the body of Masonry lead the Craft to endless destruction."

The Grand Secretary presented his second report on Correspondence and several extracts are given from our proceedings of 1890.

Chapters, 15; members, 747; increase, 126.

Jacob H. Bellinger (Colfax), G.H.P.

Yancey C. Blalock (Walla Walla), G.S.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

21st Convocation, Martinsburg, November 9th, 1891.

Alex. Mason Evans, G.H.P.

The Chapters have experienced a fair degree of prosperity, many have increased in membership and added to the funds in the treasury. One new Chapter was formed.

The most important business was the discussion of a resolution to join the General Grand Chapter. The resolution reserves the powers of the Grand Chapter over the ritual and the degrees. It remains to be seen whether the General Grand Chapter will consent to their admission with such a reservation. The following is the resolution, and after a full discussion, it was adopted without a dissenting voice :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of West Virginia hereby authorizes the officers composing the Grand Council to take such steps as are necessary to effect the admission of this Grand Chapter as a constituent of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, *provided* that such admission to and membership in the General Grand Chapter shall not alter or abridge the power now exercised by this Grand Chapter over the ritual used and degrees conferred under authority of this Grand Chapter."

A reprint of the proceedings was ordered and also the compilation of a text book for the use of the Chapters.

A committee was appointed to revise the ritual, and instructions were ordered to be given to all High Priests to observe the edict of the Grand Chapter regarding the formation of the "Living Arch."

Chapters, 19; members, 799; increase, 87.

Braxton D. Gibson (Charlestown), G.H.P.

Odel S. Long (Wheeling), G.S.

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The following have not been received: Indian Territory, Quebec, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
*Chairman.*

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada,
June 20th, 1892.

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